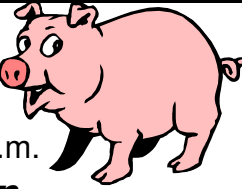


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Grayville, Wenona have smaller turnouts at prison hearings

If sheer numbers mean anything, Hoopeston is the front runner in a bid for a new maximum security prison.

A public hearing Wednesday in Hoopeston was attended by approximately 1,000 people. Hearings Thursday in Wenona and Saturday in Grayville—each a finalist for the prison—drew significantly fewer attendees and more opposition than was expressed in Hoopeston.

Between 300 and 400 people attended Thursday's hearing in Wenona, in Marshall County. This is Wenona's fourth try to land a prison.

According to news reports, five people spoke against the prison at the hearing, compared with one here.

According to the Evansville Courier & Press, eight people registered to speak against the prison in Grayville but only five spoke, including a representative of the Edwards County Farm Bureau.

Grayville's hearing was kicked off with two high school bands and cheerleaders. More than 500 people attended the hearing, which represents Grayville's third attempt to snag a prison.

Prison officials are expected to compile data from the hearings and make a recommendation to Gov. George Ryan in about two weeks. Ryan is expected to announce which community will host the prison sometime in February.

The prison is expected to house 1,600 inmates and an additional 200 in an adjoining work farm. It will hire more than 750 workers and have an annual payroll estimated at \$45 million.

Construction, set to begin this spring, would employ nearly 400 trades people for 24 to 30 months.

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Lafayette, Ind. (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon.

This week's Teen Reach activities are: Monday, games; Tuesday, Patty, U of I, Character Counts, 5:30; Wednesday, crafts; Thursday, video "Fatherless in America," 5:30; Friday, karaoke.

GED classes

Anyone interested in evening GED classes in Ross-ville this spring is asked to call Cathy Douglass, 748-6044 or Judy Henry, 748-6650. Deadline to sign up for the spring session offered by DACC, is Feb. 1.

Last day to file

Candidates for the April election have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file their paperwork. Petitions and other forms may be filed with off office overseeing each contest.

In Grant Township, independent candidates may file for supervisor, trustee, clerk, assessor or highway commissioner seats. However, those who participated in the Republican caucus may not file as an independent candidate.

Meetings

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Letters to the Editor

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Respectfully,
Robert Ault, Mayor
Mark Drollinger, Chief of Police

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