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Hoopeston firemen will breathe easier thanks to FEMA grant

Hoopeston firefighters will literally be able to breathe better thanks to a federal grant.

The department was notified last week that it received a \$94,972 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Fire Administration. Grant announcement was made by U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson.

The money, which includes a \$10,000 match of city funds, will be used to purchase 16 air packs at approximately \$3,800 each, plus gear for new firemen and a new air compressor, said Chief Greg Shipman.

The air packs will complement the new Cascade air filling system the department purchased last year. That system is mounted on a fire truck and with it, firemen can fill about 55 air bottles at the scene of a fire,

Shipman said.

The new air packs will replace existing ones which are no longer in compliance with fire-fighting standards. The new ones will meet code and will "give us the opportunity to stay there for a little while," Shipman said.

Firemen Chad Yaden and Allen Baker wrote the grant last March, said Alderman Brandon Hamilton, city fire committee chairman, adding this is the first time the fire department applied for the federal grant. "This allows us to be more efficient and safer," he said.

The grant is item-specific and money cannot be put into the department's general operating fund.

Rossville parents raising funds

ROSSVILLE—Parents of the Class of 2006 of Rossville-Alvin High School is working to raise money for Post-Prom. Several events have been scheduled, including:

Valentine balloon bouquets. Until Feb. 10, parents will take orders for the bouquets. Cost is \$7 for three mylar balloons and a candy weight. They will be delivered in Rossville, Alvin and Hoopeston on Feb. 12. To order, leave a message at the high school, 748-6600 or grade school, 748-6666. Calls will be returned.

Pork burger dinner at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 for Senior Night. Cost is \$2.50 for a sandwich and \$3 for a sandwich and chips.

Forever Young Tournament March 5 and 6. To enter a team, call John or Jeannie Zollar, (217) 339-2309.

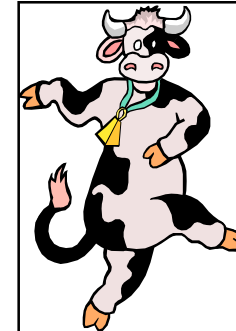
Concessions stand at the Rossville Antique Show March 12 and 13. Full concessions will be available including a meal of the day.

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Briefly

Special board meeting
The Hoopeston Area School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 to discuss a waiver for Pulkaski Day for five years, beginning with the 2005-06 school year.


Neighborhood Watch
Keith Sousa and Sgt. Steve Swisher of the Vermilion County Crime Stoppers will be the featured speakers at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at County Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tiny Tots
“Madeline” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program in the Hoopeston Public Library Children’s room.
Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

GED review classes
Free GED review classes will begin Feb. 14. Classes will be offered from 3:30-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.



Police News



Victoriano Martinez, 19, of 843 E. Seminary, was arrested at 9:59 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Seminary.
Martinez, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for bench trial, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Gale L. Cunningham, 56, of 150 N. 2700 East Rd., Wellington, turned himself in to police at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday. Cunningham, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for bench trial, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

However, the award will allow the fire department to stretch its

See GRANT on other side

Grant continued from other side

budget in other areas. “The city is generous with funds but revenue is not where it used to be,” Shipman said.

The chief called the grant award “probably one of the better things that has happened since I’ve been on the department” and said firemen are already coming up with ideas for next year’s grant session. “It’s nice to get a little bit of our tax money back,” Shipman said.


In announcing the award, Johnson said the federal money comes from the “Assistance to Firefighters Program” and will help implement the Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety programs.

“Fire departments and other emergency professionals throughout my district really are on the

front lines when it comes to securing this country” Johnson said in a press release. “In the larger cities and the rural towns around Illinois, fire departments provide excellent services to the individual communities and I am always willing to assist in their earning FEMA grants. It is critical that we keep our emergency professionals prepared for any situation that can arise, especially during this time of heightened awareness in America.”

Hamilton said the department is planning an

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 40. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 21. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 42, low 29.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

Students may register at the Multi Agency or on the first night of class.

For more information, call Gene Hanson, (217) 283-6785 or the Multi Agency, 283-5544.

Sweetheart Banquet
The 14th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 in the Hoopeston Area High School gym.
The event is sponsored by the high school drama department and student council.

Hoopeston Area seniors interested in attending should make reservations by Feb. 10 by calling 283-6668 with their names and number of people in their party.

FAFSA assistance
Danville Area Community College financial aid advisors will be at the Hoopeston Area High School computer lab from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 9 to assist with filling out FAFSA forms online. For more information, call guidance

Obituaries

CADE - Ronnie G. Cade, 59, of Rantoul, formerly of Hoopeston died at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at Heartland Health Care, Paxton. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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