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## Iroquois County road closed after Tuesday train derailment

Iroquois County Road 100 N was closed Tuesday after a freight train derailed early in the morning on the CSX line.

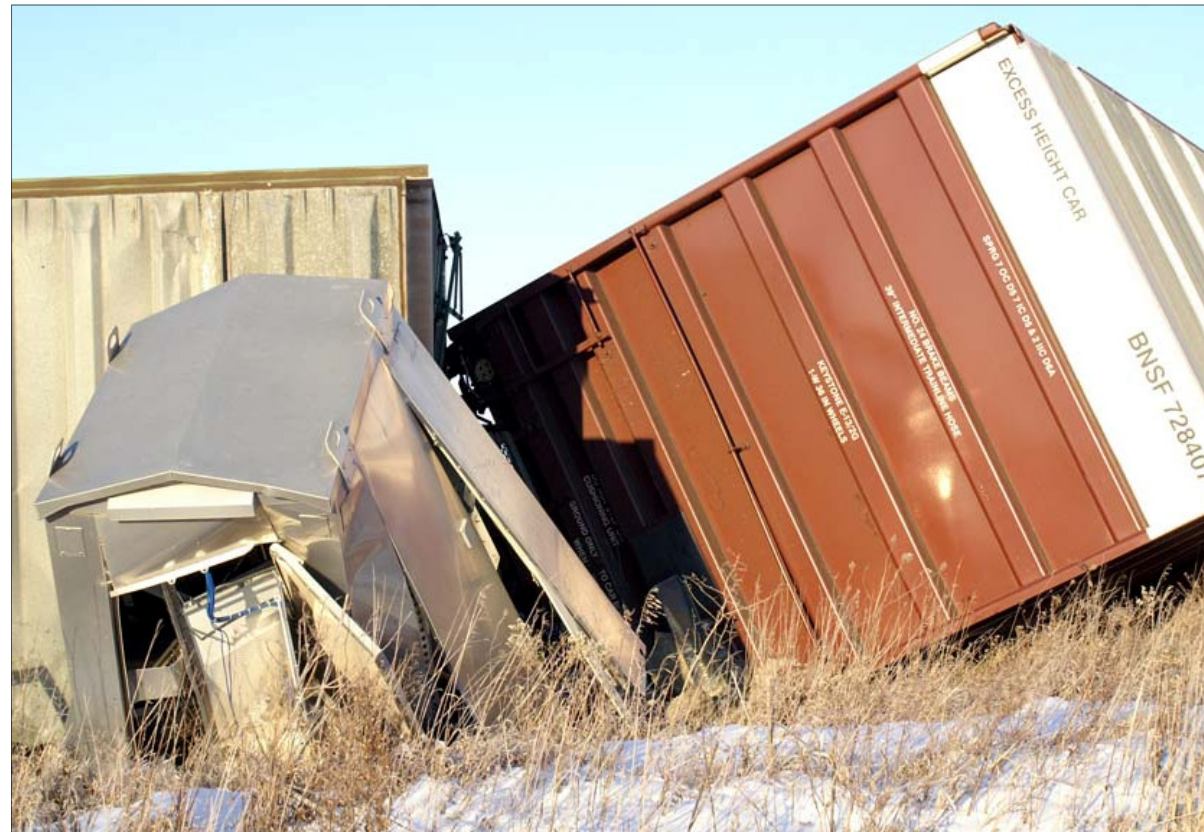
The derailment was south of 100 N on County Road 2400 E, north of Floral Hill Cemetery.

Approximately four cars were involved in the de-

railment. Two cars hit a metal shed near the tracks, demolishing it.

The cause of the derailment was not available at press time.

Calls to the CSX Railroad's media department were not immediately returned.



Two of four railcars that derailed Tuesday morning hit a metal shed on the CSX Railroad track north of Hoopeston. The derailment closed the crossing on Iroquois County Road 100 N on 2400 E.

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## IDOT reverses self, Rossville to get updated traffic lights

ROSSVILLE—Several months ago, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) alerted Rossville officials that the village would probably lose its stop lights.

At Monday's regular meeting, the village board learned that the existing lights will be taken out...and new state-of-the-art ones installed in their place.

"This is really a stroke of luck from six months ago," said Mayor Terry Prillaman, announcing the news.

According to the IDOT website, more than 6,000 vehicles go through the intersection daily.

The project is estimated at \$150,000 to \$160,000, with 80 percent paid by the federal government and 10 percent each paid by the state and county. Rossville will bear some related maintenance costs, such as moving the downtown drinking fountain.

Bid-letting is expected in April with construction next fall, Prillaman said.

In unrelated action, the board approved spending nearly \$80,000 on the new Masengale subdivision to install electric service and a street.

Contractor Terry Cler of Penfield plans to build a spec home on one of the subdivision lots but his plans were contingent on getting electric service in and the street, Earl Court, constructed.

Electric service will cost about \$3,000 to each of the 18 lots and the street is estimated at a minimum of \$25,000 for one to two inches of CA-10 and two to three coats of oil and chip, Prillaman said.

"We're talking about \$70,000 in one house," said trustee Mark Catron.

"But if we don't, we're kind of shooting ourselves in the foot," responded trustee Dick Queen.

### Merita's Family Restaurant

will be open

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**Christmas Day 6 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Happy Holidays**

from Ozzie & employees

The vote on that project, and one to finish the Holmes St. extension, were 4-0.

In other business, the board:

- Learned the Methodist Church will serve as a warming center for residents who turn their heat down to save costs. The center is expected to be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Did not set a gas price for December. The price will depend on the cost to the village which is not yet known.
- Increased the trash collectors' license from \$25 to \$50
- Approved annual safety awards. Full time employees will receive \$100 and part time workers will get \$50.
- Approved Bunny Tweedy as the new trustee. She will replace Richard Birkey who resigned in October.

## Last day for tree raffle tickets

Wednesday is the last day to purchase tickets for Hoopeston Healthcare Foundation's Christmas tree raffle. The tree has more than 1,000 lights and is decorated in red and gold.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available from Barbara Morgan at the reception desk, Shirley Wagoner in human resources or Pat Bailey in the foundation.

The winner will be drawn at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the hospital lobby.

## New Books at the Library



### Children's Room

#### Fiction

Hank the Cowdog: The case of the falling sky by John Erickson

Heaven is having you by Giles Andreae

The high-rise private eyes: the case of the desperate duck by Cynthia Rylant

Jack adrift: fourth grade without a clue by Jack Gantos

## Weather



Mostly sunny today and tomorrow. High today 26, low 13. Tomorrow, high 35, low 23.

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

## It's not too late to get on our plowing list!



## Just the Facts



wishes everyone a very  
**Merry Christmas!**

The paper will not be  
printed Monday, Dec. 26  
for the Christmas holiday.

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