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Hoopeston Area names National Honor Society inductees

New members were inducted March 11 into the John Greer chapter of the National Honor Society. The new members are:

- Samantha Crouch
- Belinda Frank
- Brock Baker
- Elizabeth Booher
- Brittany Duffin

- Ashley Houmes
- Callie Huffman
- Carrie McCormick
- Sherri McCormick
- Chrissy Morgenroth
- Kayla Potter
- Brandon Spaur
- Emily Warner

— Briefly —

Benefit to be held

A benefit for the family of Tyler Prather will be held from 1 p.m.-midnight Saturday at the Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. Food will be served from 1-6 p.m. at \$5 per plate. There will also be three bands and a DJ, 50/50 drawings and auctions throughout the day.

Tyler was in a serious car accident on Feb. 10 and is recovering at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. All proceeds from the benefit will go to the family for ongoing expenses.

Police News

Jose A. Cardenas Jr., 31, of 323 S. Second Ave., was arrested at 3:49 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of South Second Ave.

He was charged with theft under city ordinance and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston court.

Christopher T. Ford, 25, of 850 E. Seminary, was arrested at 9:50 p.m. Monday at city hall. He was charged with theft in connection with a report made at 2:33 a.m. Monday about a grill taken from Park-view Court.

Ford was released on a notice to appear.

Refrigerator needed

Hoopeston Girl Scouts are asking for the donation of a used refrigerator for the Little House. Anyone with one to give away is asked to call Angie Foster at (217) 799-2385 after 5 p.m.

Easter musical set

Redeemed, an Easter musical, will be presented by the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene choir and members of the community at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6, 7. This collection of songs is focused on the cross and the resurrection and includes up-tempo tunes along with hymns that emphasize Biblical doctrines. All are welcome!

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(In mid-March) the middle school called on several businesses in town. We asked for donations of any kind to be used as student prizes after a week of stressful ISAT testing. We were handsomely rewarded. We were able to give away 70 different items. This is not an unusual response by the Hoopeston businesses. Every time we request donations, there is an enthusiastic reply. We

would never be able to have such wonderful prizes without their help. The following businesses really helped support our efforts for this event: Casey's, Hollywood Video, McDonald's, Monical's, Pizza Hut, Pizza King, and Subway. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ann Penicook
Dean of Students
Hoopeston Area Middle School

Less odor would mean more business

The city of Hoopeston wants to update the downtown area. Are they also going to fix the inside of the boarded up store fronts?

To most of the people who live here that would be great but first the city should do something with the smell! Who would want to buy homes and even start a business with the stink from the stink ditch? When corn was canned here, people from different towns would come and complain about the smell of sweet corn when it was piled up at the different canneries. So the question seems to me if you get rid of the sewer smell from the stink ditch, maybe factories and people would want to come to Hoopeston. To me, if you fix the smell, they would come...

Jean Akers
Hoopeston

Another writer upset with Ameren

I am really proud of Gene Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kinnett. With this rate hike, even more people are

New Books at the Library



Non-Fiction

Farm Safety Handbook by Rick Kubik
Elizabeth by J. Randy Taraborrelli
Fiasco: the American Military Adventure in Iraq by Thomas E. Ricks

Weather



Breezy today. High 39. Tonight, blustery. Low 27. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 44, low 24.

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Letters to the Editor

trying to find ways to pay for the high prices Ameren is charging all the customers. For elect, people with kids and people trying to buy their medicines and gas for doctor appointments are really in a big bind. And those people on disability and SSI only get so much a month to live on.

I would say to all the people to put up electric windmills or put solar panels on the houses. Yes, it would cost but the payoff would be great. With the windmills, then make electric for your house and what you don't use will feed back through your meter into the lines. This way, Ameren can pay all of us that 300% back every month for the electric we send back through their lines.

I would say that there will be a lot of older people dying because they won't be able to get their medicines. Their income will all be going to Ameren, and if that happens, there will be a lot of people that will sue and end up with a lot of money.

From Ameren, everyone needs to sign a petition, and big businesses like Caterpillar, Mervis, Freight Car, every one of those businesses, should pack up and go to Indiana or Missouri.

Well have a great day.

Kevin Drennan
Hoopeston

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