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## Hoop Area board considers emergency notification system

Hoopeston Area officials are considering a notification system that would contact staff and students in the event of an emergency.

At Thursday night's meeting, the board heard information about SchoolReach, an emergency notification system that could be used when school closes due to weather or for incidents such as school lockdowns, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

Hornbeck hopes to have representatives of that company and a second, ParentReach, provide information to the board about their services.

Generally, both systems broadcast a pre-recorded message to call lists, Hornbeck said. In case of weather-related dismissal or other incident, the system would automatically call the homes of students and staff with the message. Up to five numbers per family may be dialed, including land line and cell phone numbers, he said.

Hornbeck estimated the cost of such a program at about \$1 per head or about \$1,500 annually. "That's a pretty good investment in the safety of our kids," he said.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved one-year contracts for administrators, including Hornbeck and principals Lori Eells, Linda Sheppard, Dan Walder, Anne Burton and Larry Maynard. The contracts include a 3.9 percent salary increase which is "consistent with what the teachers will get next year," Hornbeck said.

- Approved spending \$47,400 for a one-year old bus from Ponder Equipment. A five-year-old bus will be used as trade-in and the district will have full warranty on the new vehicle.

- Approved four professional development days to be inserted into next year's school calendar. The days will be used to develop district curriculum so that it meets state standards and will hopefully help with district test cores.

- Approved the Unsafe School Choice and School Choice policies. The former allows a parent who feels the district is unsafe to send his student to another school; the second would allow parents to request a student be allowed to attend a different district if state standards are not met for a specific time period.

- Approved forming basketball programs for fifth and sixth grade girls and boys.

## Police News

Timothy Alan Burke, 40, of Hoopeston was arrested at 3:38 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Lincoln. Burke, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/child support court, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:23 p.m. Thursday at Convenience, 714 W. Orange. Police said while Gary Fink of Hoopeston, in a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, was waiting to turn onto West Orange, a 1999 Volvo truck/trailer backed into him. The

Volvo was driven by Harry R. Crump of Blue Mound.

Frank E. Burke, 52, of Hoopeston was arrested at 3:46 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of East Main. He was charged with domestic battery in connection with an incident on Feb. 19 in which Burke allegedly put his hands on a woman and shook her.

Burke was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville to await arraignment.

Humberto M. Sanchez, 29, of Hoopeston was arrested  
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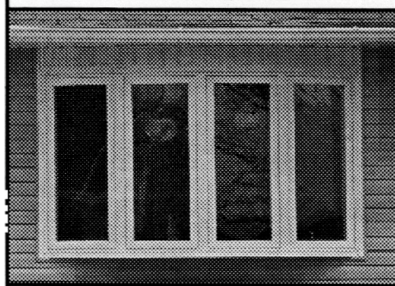
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## Obituaries

**BURT** - Charles J. Burt, 90, of Hoopeston, died at 12:54 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**GOSS** - James A. Goss, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 2:54 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday at First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St., Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW Color Guard. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church.

**JARBOE** - Patricia A. Jarboe, 79, of Rankin died at 11:46 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 20, 2008 at home. Funeral



GOSS

Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation was 3-6 p.m. Sunday with Rosary at 6 p.m. at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rankin. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**TAFLINGER** - Margaret L. Taflinger, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 5 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 at

### Briefly

#### Calendar winner

The \$100 winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters calendar drawing for Feb. 22 were Terra & Asti Scharlach, Hoopeston.

#### Ladies coffee

Beginning March 5, Hoopeston Multi Agency will host a ladies coffee hour at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

#### Scholarship applications due Feb. 29

Applications are currently being accepted for more than 250 scholarships offered by the Danville Area Community College Foundation for the 2008-2009 school year. The application allows students to complete one form to be considered for all foundation scholarships. Part-and full-time students who will attend DACC are eligible. Applications must be returned to DACC Foundation, Vermilion Hall 209, 2000 E. Main St., Danville, IL 61832 by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008.

### Police continued from other side

at 3:42 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of East Main. He was charged with aggravated domestic battery after he allegedly hit a 24-year-old Hoopeston woman in the head with a baseball bat.

Sanchez was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await arraignment.

### Weather



Chance of rain today. High 44. Tonight, chance of rain, snow. Low 28. Tomorrow, snow likely. High 30, low 15.

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

North Logan Care Center in Danville. Graveside funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home in Hoopeston is in charge of the arrangements.

**ZOLLAR** - Charles Zollar, 86, of Hoopeston died AT 3:45 a.m. Sunday Feb. 24, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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