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## Hoopeston receives scaled-back Safe Routes to School grant

Hoopeston has one of 112 projects that will share \$8.3 million in Illinois' Safe Routes to School grant program.

Hoopeston will receive \$12,350 under the enforcement category for speed feedback trailers in an effort to lower speed limits in the vicinity of schools.

Last year, the city applied for a total of \$681,525 in five categories. Besides enforcement, the categories included constructing, replacing or repairing sidewalks; making existing walkways accessible to disabled students; installing new or improved pavement markings; and creating traffic controls using traffic lights or signs.

Safe Routes to School, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and overseen by the Illinois Department of Transportation, received 298 applications for 1,042 projects totaling \$77.7 million, said IDOT Secretary Milton R. Sees.

"It was a challenge for us to sort through so many worthy projects," he said. "We were impressed with the quality of the proposals."

According to a press release, to receive the money, the applying agency must complete the work, then apply for a 100 percent reimbursement from IDOT.

The Safe Routes program provides funding allowing communities to encourage safe walking and biking to

schools serving grades kindergarten-eight.

"The great thing about this program is that it not only provides resources so that local communities can make it safer for young children to walk and ride to school, but it also has inspired educators, parents and others to think creatively about how to promote a healthier lifestyle among our young children, said Gov. Rod R. Blago-

**See GRANT on other side**

## Barstool Golf to benefit Grant Township Community Fund

Grant Township United Community Fund is hosting its second annual Bar Stool Golf this Saturday. Tee time is noon.

Deadline to sign up is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Participants may sign up at Fast Lanes, BJ's Pump, Deano's, Second Chance, Hoopeston American Legion and Hoopeston VFW. Cost is \$15 per person or \$60 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded.

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## Police News



A **47-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 2 p.m. Monday that someone damaged her 1996 Blazer while it was parked in the 800 block of East Wyman.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 3:44 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of East Penn. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1990 Chevrolet Prism owned by Jane Gernand of Hoopeston.

**Gilbert Allen Wilson**, 42, of Hoopeston turned himself in to police at 8:15 p.m. Monday. Wilson, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, was released

## Obituaries

**HAMPTON** - Mary (Long) Hampton, 79, of Hauachuca City, Ariz., formerly of Hoopeston, die at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at home. Private services were held. Her body will be cremated.

**HANNA** - Ruby B. (Scott) Hanna, 79, of Danville died at 12:50 a.m. Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association.

## Grant continued from other side

jevich in announcing the grants.

Hoopeston economic developer Shannon Ruh said news of the grant is exciting and that the city may reaply for other Safe Routes grant money in the future.

Grants announced last week are the first of three years worth of funding that will be provide to IDOT under the federal program. Over the course of the three-year program, Illinois expects to receive roughly \$23 million.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 57. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 41. Tomorrow, rain likely. High 57, low 36.

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

on \$750 bond with a court date in Iroquois County.

**Three teens were** arrested at 9:30 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Thompson and the 400 block of North Eighth Ave.

A 14-year-old boy and two 13-year-old girls were charged with purchase or acceptance of gift of alcohol by persons under 21 in connection with an incident on March 6 in which three other people were arrested.

## New Books at the Library



### Children's Room

#### Fiction

Elisabeth, the Princess Bride by Barry Deneberg

Mercy Watson: a Princess in Disguise by Kate DiCamillo

Murder at the Mall by Franklin W. Dixon (mystery)

Our Daily Bread: Prayers, Graces and Slices of Scripture by Gwen Ellis

The Case of the Most Ancient Bone by John R. Erickson

The Land of the Silver Apples by Nancy Farmer

The Wicked Big Toddlah by Kevin Hawkes

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