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## Letters to the Editor

### Fear

We once had a president who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

What I fear most now is our politicians and our financial institutions; financial institutions which have gone amok, over-speculating, money grabbing, and without any kind of controls or regulations and a government that is supposed to oversee these financial institutions (FDIC), and their only solution to solving it is to forgive these financial institutions for their mistakes, and to write a check to pay for it, with our checkbook.

At the same time, how many people that have lost money, in farming, in housing, in the stock market, and in the economy in general are left out to dry?

I fully agree that we should not let fear take over, we do have an institution that can monitor and take control of this financial situation. It is you, the American people.

There is no need to be hasty in making a decision of what should be done. Most Americans believe that we were too hasty in going to war with Iraq. Isn't this just as important as that decision was?

If there are more financial institutions that can't cut the mustard, let them pay for their mistakes, seize all the golden parachutes of their CEOs and other unearned perks that they have. How many of you are forgiven when you cannot meet your contract agreements?

If the politicians want to bail somebody out, bailout the 200,000,000 citizens that really need bailed out. Tax this gift at 30 percent flat and put about a third of the gift back into the coffers. That would help eliminate a lot of the foreclosures. Just how much do you think we will ever see of this \$700 billion, we would give back to Wall Street? What guarantees do we have that this won't happen again, and again? It has happened to almost every facet of our economy already.

There has to be accountability for the mistakes these institutions have made. Also, our politicians should pay a price for letting this happen. There also has to be a system put in place that oversees these institutions, with punishments to those that deserve it.

We don't need physicists to devise formulas for how our financial system is run like it is today, with very few people understanding how it works. Every one of us should be able to figure it out for ourselves.

We have to learn from these mistakes that have been made. Up to now, we have not learned from all the financial mistakes that have been, and that is why we keep repeating them.

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston

### Schools Earn PBIS State Status

Three Hoopeston Area schools earned the distinction of being recognized as PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Emerging Schools in the State of Illinois. This honor was only rewarded to 250 schools during 2007-08 so the accomplishment is significant, especially for a district our size.

Honeywell, John Greer, and the Middle School received the news recently. In addition to a congratulatory letter, each school received a decal to proudly display at the main entrance.

This recognition proves that our dedicated staffs, parents, and students at Hoopeston Area are fully committed to creating a positive environment that promotes student success. We look forward to earning further awards for a job well done at all three of the winning schools. We also fully expect the same honor to be bestowed on Maple and the high school once they have been implementing for a year.

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## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Nighttime" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program. Children may come in their pajamas. Tiny Tots meets at 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### Pitching camp set

The Elite Softball Pitching Academy will hold its 2008 Fall Session softball pitching camp. There will be a beginners level, intermediate level, and advanced level.

### Wally's Pub

Rossville (217) 748-6858

**Band Saturday, Oct. 11 9 p.m.-1 a.m.**

### Swollen

AC/DC tribute band, plus songs from their own CD

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Kitchen closes at 8:30 p.m. that night only

**Steaks, Lobster Balls, Jumbo Shrimp, Fish**



We want your thoughts,  
we want your ideas.....

### On-Line Community Strategic Planning Survey

As part of Hoopeston Regional Health Center's planning process, we invite you to share your perspective and ideas on how we can continue to improve the availability and quality of healthcare services in the region by completing an on line survey. The survey is being administered and results tabulated by QHR.

All of your answers are anonymous. Results will be shared with the HRHC Board of Directors, Medical Staff and the Management Team. Please take a moment to complete this on line survey by connecting to the hospital's website at [www.hoopestonhospital.org](http://www.hoopestonhospital.org)

Once you're on the hospital's website just click on the links category and you'll be given a link to select at the very top of the page. The survey will be available until 5 PM October 12, 2008.

Please e-mail Carol Davis at [carol\\_davis@QHR.com](mailto:carol_davis@QHR.com) if you have questions about the survey or experience difficulties getting to the link.

Private lessons are also available. For more information, contact Hoopeston Area softball coach John Hardcastle at 217-283-7456.

### Police News



A **41-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday that she came home to find the front door of her home forced open. It was undetermined if anything was taken. The burglary occurred in the 900 block of West Main.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday in the Dollar General parking lot, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1998 Chevrolet S-10 owned by Glenn Brandenburg of Hoopeston.

A **54-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 6:39 p.m. Wednesday that someone threw eggs at her house in the 500 block of West Maple.



Photo contributed

### Honored for service

Helen Schieler was presented a Special Recognition Pin for her many years of dedicated service to United Methodist Women during Sunday's United Methodist Women Sunday on September 21. She is pictured with her daughters and son-in-law. Left to right: Nancy Mason, Schieler, (seated), Marilyn and Larry Tyler.

## Foodstock Fall Festival benefit to be held at Lincoln Park

Thanks to the success of its first Foodstock benefit in March, Deeper Blues will present the Foodstock Fall Festival. The event will be held at Lincoln Park in Danville, on Saturday, Oct. 11, with music from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The event promises more music, more fun, and a lot more money raised. The concert is free, but a donation of food or money is strongly suggested. All donations will go directly to the Danville Area Food Pantry.

The concert will feature the return of all four bands that performed at the original concert: Deeper Blues, Doc Ashton & the Root Canals, Phaze II, and the New Kingdom Christian Church Choir. In addition, the event will include performances by Fifth World and Urban Squirrel, both from Chicago, and local favorites The Goodfellas, and Benny Jenkins and Flathead Six.

Fundraising activities will include numerous gift basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, special auctions, and various gift items available for purchase. Larry Weatherford will emcee the event, with special appearances by food pantry director Chuck Brooks and several surprise guests.

Around the country, others are taking notice of Foodstock's success. Organizers of the local event are working with musicians in Sacramento, CA, and Nashville, TN, to mount Foodstock events. Other potential cities include San Francisco, Chicago, Champaign/Urbana, Peoria and Indianapolis.

### Letters continued from other side

Help us to continue to work towards creating a positive environment at Hoopeston Area by asking your child about the PBIS program in place at his or her school. Our level of success will only increase as the schools and community work together toward our common goal of creating high achievers.

Ann Penicook  
PBIS External Coach  
Hoopeston Area C.U.S.D. #11

### Weather



Sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 56. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 78, low 58. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 78, low 60.

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

To learn more about Foodstock, visit [danvillefoodstock.com](http://danvillefoodstock.com). To learn more about Deeper Blues, visit [deeperblues.com](http://deeperblues.com).

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