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Wheels on the bus can go 'round, 'round thanks to payment

A transportation payment from the state was welcome news to the Hoopeston Area school board.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck told the board at its meeting Thursday night that the payment - about \$250,000 - was late but was received on December 31, 2008.

A second payment is expected "any day now," Hornbeck said.

In other business, the board approved a new two-year cooperative soccer agreement with Bismarck-Henning. At last month's meeting, high school Principal Larry Maynard said the agreement is the same as the previous one but raises compensation from \$2,800 to \$3,000.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Heard from Maynard that a snow day before Christmas break resulted in semester exams not being completed until school resumed Jan. 5. All finals have been given, makeup work done and grades turned in.

- Was given a high school dean of students evaluation form for review.

- Heard from Hornbeck that six people—three in the former Hoopeston School District and three outside—have picked up board petitions. Candidates may begin filing petitions Tuesday.

- Heard from Hornbeck that the AlertNow system was activated Wednesday and Thursday for school closings Thursday and Friday.

See BUS on other side

Briefly

Petition filing

Candidates who wish to run in the April 7 election may begin filing their petitions on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Petitions may be filed at the offices where they were picked up, during normal business hours of those offices.

This includes candidates for Hoopeston City Council, Hoopeston Area School Board, Hoopeston Public Library, Rossville Village Board and Rossville-Alvin School Board.

Filing period ends at the close of business Monday, Jan. 26.

Sports Booster meeting

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the high school computer lab. Please use back entrance. Everyone welcome.

Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 23 at First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 915 E. Orange. To schedule an appointment, call Yolanda Woods at (217) 283-9556.

Retirement party

A retirement party for Dr. Frank Laci, pastor at Community Church of the Nazarene, will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the church New Beginnings Center. A light meal will be served. A freewill offering will be taken to purchase tools and a heater for the Rev. Laci's wood-working shop.

Youth Football meeting

Hoopeston Youth Football League will be holding its annual meeting to elect officers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Hoopeston Library. Anyone is interested in holding an office for the league is asked to attend.

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall

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Ross Johnson



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Police News



Humberto M. Sanchez, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:24 p.m. Thursday at the police station in connection with a January 9 theft.

Sanchez was charged with theft over \$300 after police investigated a report from a 55-year-old Hoopeston man who reported someone took cash and coins from his home.

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

Cameron R. Prouse, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of East McCracken.

Wanted on an Edgar County warrant for battery, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Timmy T. Kidd, 23, of Watseka, was arrested at 1:35 p.m. Friday after police allegedly saw him driving erratically.

Kidd was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, improper lane usage and driving too fast for conditions.

He was released on his driver’s license and three notices to appear.

Cornjerker men take Vermilion County Tournament opener

Led by Clayton Snyder’s 20 points, Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers took their opening game Saturday in the Vermilion County Tourney.

Snyder, a senior, contributed three from downtown in his scoring effort, along with four rebounds and three assists that led to the 45-28 defeat of the Bismarck-Henning Blue Devils at the Palmer Arena in Danville.

Brad Lawson was right behind Snyder, scoring 18 points and nabbing eight rebounds.

Other scorers were Jordan Flint with five, including a three-point shot, and Hayden Cornelius with two.

Hoopeston Area defense kept all Blue Devils shooters to single digits.

The Cornjerkers face Salt Fork at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in their second round of the tournament. Salt Fork defeated Oakwood, 74-46 in Saturday action.

In other tourney play, Westville bested Armstrong-Potomac 52-40 and Georgetown-Ridge Farm topped Milford, 60-51.



Court Dispositions



December 18, 2008

Andrew W. Tetrault, Hoopeston, status hearing March 19.

Megan L. Lane, Hoopeston, status hearing February 19.

Mary E. Vaughn, Hoopeston, found guilty of two counts of owner’s duties, fined \$180 in each; status hearing March 19.

Mary E. Vaughn, Hoopeston, found guilty of general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing March 19.

Mary B. Justice, Hoopeston, case dismissed by city attorney.

Todd L. Beatty, Hoopeston, found not guilty of disorderly conduct.

Amy M. Bruens, Hoopeston, found guilty of noisy animals prohibited, fined \$180; status hearing March


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● A podcast message is available on the school’s web page (<http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us>), as well as a link to frequently asked questions about AlertNow, he said.

● Heard from principals that a traveling Abraham Lincoln exhibit will be in the district from January 26-February 13. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth.

● Approved the district seniority list

Weather



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