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Wind farms could benefit HA district, board member says

Plans to bring wind farms to the area could blow some good to Hoopeston Area School District, according to a board member.

At Thursday's meeting, board member Chris Elliott said he recently attending a meeting on the planned wind turbine project and, while he didn't address specifics, "it would be good," Elliott said.

If the project, which is set to expand from Hoopeston to the Iroquois County line and south to Route 136, is successful, it could bring money to the school district. The downside, Elliott added, is the possibility that the state might cut some funding to the district.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck said he will be in Gibson City next week and will discuss the matter with school officials there, since a wind turbine project is already in place in that area.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved a \$31,300 bid from Built 2 Last Construction

for new Maple School windows.

- Approved a \$44,943 bid from Sentry Roofing for roof work at John Greer School.

• Approved disbanding a middle school baseball co-op with Rossville-Alvin after that district approved dropping the program. Hoopeston Area will not offer its own program due to budget restraints.

- Approved purchasing a football scoreboard for \$13,453.; \$5,000 will be paid by a grant from the Cadle Foundation.

• Approved Brock Baker as high school volunteer assistant baseball coach for 2009-10.

• Approved the transfer of Ryan Morehouse from middle/high school English to high school media/speech; Mike Caparula as high school drama director; Stacie Freeman/Johanna Thorndyke as high school yearbook sponsors; and Ashley Gondzur as high school student council sponsor.

- Approved resignations from Nathan Costa, maple custodian and Allen Baker, high school assistant football coach.

Briefly

Surprise birthday party

A surprise 90th birthday party open house for Jessie Lynch will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Wellington Lions Club Shelter, Wellington. Please, no gifts; cards and pictures would be greatly appreciated!

For questions, call Edye Bookwalter, (217) 283-5703.

Alley cleanup

City of Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin April 26. Only yard waste and brush will be picked up. Employees will not dump barrels or pick up concrete or bricks. Lumber, landscape materials, plastic, etc., left in piles of brush will not be picked up.

100th birthday celebration

Friends of Barbara Egnew are invited to an open house to celebrate her 100th birthday. The event will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hoopeston American Legion. Finger foods, cake and punch will be served.

Meetings

- Hoopeston Plan Commission, 4 p.m. Monday, city hall, to discuss Prairie Meadows housing development
- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office

• Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall
• Grant-Butler Multi Assessment District, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Grant Township office, 525 S. Market.

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Health Center for a wonderful lunch
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We will always deeply cherish the
memories from our life here.

*Sincerely,
Dr. Thomas Lee*



Police News



Robert B. Colunga, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of East Wyman. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear at bench trial/passing a school bus while loading/unloading, he was released on \$200 bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:06 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East Seminary. Police said William Medler, of Hoopeston, in a 2006 Ford truck, backed from the drive of the First Baptist Church into a parked 2004 Toyota owned by Roy Cherry of Rankin.

Brian E. Field II, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the 400 block of East Seminary. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/speeding, he was released on \$226 bond.

Cole W. Strawser, 23, of

Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:26 p.m. Friday at the police station, charged with filing a false police report.

Police alleged Strawser reported a woman he knows used his debit card without permission. After investigating, police said the woman had Strawser's permission to use the card.

Strawser was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Dean E. Fisk, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:58 a.m. Saturday at McCracken and North Market. He was

charged with DUI and improper lane usage after officers allegedly saw him driving in the wrong lane.

Fisk was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

A 67-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 3:15 p.m. Saturday that someone damaged the roof of her vehicle while it was parked at Fourth Street and Penn.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 9:14 p.m. Saturday at Monical's, 618 W. Orange. An uniden-

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5 p.m. Friday to 301 W. Penn for a shed on fire. No injuries were reported.

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, mandarin oranges, cookie; **Maple:** Pizza Hut (pepperoni), lettuce, mandarin oranges

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread & butter

THURSDAY: Ravioli, salad, max stick, pineapple

FRIDAY: Pizza Hut (pepperoni), lettuce, mixed fruit; **Maple:** chicken strips, green beans, mandarin oranges, cookie

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, green beans, applesauce, pudding

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Beefy fiestada or cheese quesadilla, salad, chips & salsa, pears

THURSDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, hot roll

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese or fish sandwich, chicken noodle soup, mixed fruit

All meals include milk.

Weather



Morning frost today. High 64, Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 39. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 66, low 42. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Obituaries

PRUITT - Gary L. "Ride" Pruitt, 56, of East Lynn, died at 2:08 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's

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Education Coordinator must have a degree in early childhood education or a minimum of a CDA or State equivalent credentials. Have knowledge and experience of Head Start philosophy and practices, Spanish speaking preferred but not required. Must be healthy which does not interfere with responsibilities and have the education or experience in collaborating with parents to educate their children. This position is full-time during the season. **Assistant Coordinator** must be bilingual spoken and written, assist in the operations of the center. This position is part-time during the season.

Bus aides, this is a split shift position, part-time during the season. Age requirement for all positions is 18, due to the requirement of passing the background check. Please fax resumes to 815-984-4500 or send to HMHS, P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973, or call 815-984-3706 and leave a message. Accepting applications until 4/30/2010 EOE.

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