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Lauren Houmes receives All State honorable mention

Hoopeston Area High School officials have been notified that a local student was named an honorable mention recipient to the Illinois High School Association All-State Academic Team, sponsored by Caterpillar.

Lauren Houmes was one of only 50 students so honored from among 450 nominations throughout the state. Additionally, 26 students were named to the All-State Academic team.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:29 p.m. Wednesday at 1119 S. Dixie Highway.

Police said Mitzi G. Brown, of Danville, in a 1992 Volvo dump truck, left the city slab with the bed of the truck raised. It struck several power lines, causing a pole to snap and fall into Route 1. Traffic was held and rerouted. Power lines fell on a Penske truck, driven by Daniel Carole, of Spring Grove. The power surge knocked out power to Lithgow Automotive damaging phone lines.

Police are investigating a report of theft of medication made at 5:16 p.m. Wednesday from a resident of

North Fork Conservation Club 4148 N 1700 East Rd., Hoopeston 283-4646 **Fish Fry** Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. This week's special: TACOS Delivery available - 283-4646 2012 Memberships now available!

Every IHSA member school was invited to nominate one female student and one male student by the February deadline. Nominees must possess a minimum 3.50 grade point average on 4.0 scale after their seventh semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored sports or activities during each of the last two years and demonstrated outstanding citizenship.

"This is a tremendous honor and I hope every student who was nominated takes a great deal of pride in all that they have accomplished," said IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman. "These students See HOUMES on other side



Fri., Feb. 24th 9-1 Happy Birthday **Todd & Shane** Longest! DJ, open mic, drink specials, lots of fun! Come hear our hometown rapper, "T-money"

NEW CARDIOLOGY PROGRAM AT HOOPESTON REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is proud to partner with Carle Heart and Vascular Institute cardiologists to bring the highest quality heart care to our community.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Nuclear and regular stress testing
- Transthoracic echocardiogram (ECHO)

For more information about routine, diagnostic and follow-up heart

care at Hoopeston Regional Health Center, call (217) 283-5644.

Vascular ultrasound testing





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Letters to the Editor

President Santorum?

A few months ago when it wasn't "popular," it seemed that Rick Santorum would get my vote for president and he still will. Why?

Because he is willing to stand up in front of millions and declare views that are truthful but not popular about why we are and have been in serious decline in this country. It is called family values, which have been eroded and decaying for decades due to federal government policies and

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something called the "social gospel."

I know he has made mistakes, who hasn't? If we expect perfection, wait until Jesus Christ comes again. Until then, we continue to pray for those in public office and for God's mercy and grace to fall on us.

There are other reasons I would vote for Rick Santorum. But once we get our priorities straight all else will fall in line.

Please vote with your head, not your emotions. Emotions can be good or bad depending on situations. In this case, let us use the "noodle" God gave us.

Alice Lawrence Fink Hoopeston

Houmes continued from other side

are the embodiment of what it means to take advantage of the entire high school experience. I am thankful to Caterpillar for providing the All-State Academic Team platform to honor and congratulate them."

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES

Monday:	Taco Salad & Meatloaf
Tuesday:	Beef/Chicken & Noodles
Wednesday	: Ribeye Sandwich & Spaghetti
Thursday:	Swiss Steak
Friday:	Cod & Ribeye Steaks
Saturday:	Prime Rib & Ribeyes
Sunday:	No open bowling
Com	e out Saturday to enjoy

Smoke River 8:30-12:30

Wednesday, Feb. 29 Bowl for Alex Night Bowl from 6:30-8:30 for \$10 with proceed to Alex Pickett.

719 W. Elm, Hoopeston (217) 283-6505

- *Briefly* Exemption forms are late

The 2012 Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption Application (PTAX-340) should be arriving in the mail the second or third week of March. According to the Supervisor of Assessments office in Danville, where these are sent from, they are running a little late this year. In the past you have usually received them in February.

If you don't receive yours by the 3rd week of March, please call our office at 283-6868 or stop by the Grant Township Assessors office at 525 S. Market Street in Hoopeston. Deadline for filing this form is July 1, 2012.

Calendars still available

HA Music Booster Calendars are still available for a limited time! Wall calendars \$20 (with a chance to win \$100 for weekly and concert drawings) and pocket calendars \$5. Still available from all band and chorus stu-

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, mixed vegetables, applesauce, cupcake, milk

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, peaches, milk WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, pears, hot roll, milk

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, salad, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Mini corndogs, curly fries, mixed fruit, milk. Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, cake, milk

TUESDAY: Grilled cheese or cheeseburger, chicken noodle soup, peaches, juice, milk

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or pork BBQ/bun, salad, Max Stick, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, green beans, applesauce, cookie, milk

FRIDAY: Cheese pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Weather

Chance of rain/snow today. High 39. Tonight, cloudy. Low 24. Tomorrow, sunny, high 36, low. Sunday, breezy. High 47, low 35.

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

dents grade 4-12, and also at Global Fashions.

Absentee voting

Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster will offer extended hours for in-person absentee and early voting before the March 20 primary. The Voting Center, located on the second floor, Courthouse Annex, will be open from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday February 25, March 3, 10 and 17.

Under a new provision in Illinois law, a voter who wishes to vote absentee need not declare a reason for doing so. Absentee voting is available by mail or in person.

Those who wish to vote absentee by mail should request an application from the county clerk's office. Once the county clerk's office receives the application, a ballot can be mailed. The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to a voter is Thursday, March 15.

Classifieds HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the position of police officer. The written and physical agility tests will be given on March 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hoopeston Area High School.

Applications may be picked up 24 hours a day at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 West Main Street or at <u>www.hoopestonpolice.org</u>. Applications must be returned no later than 3:00 p.m. March 1, 2012.

The Board of Police Commissioners will be filling one position. The person hired will be expected to attend training at the Police Training Institute on April 1, 2012.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age at the time of hire, possess a valid Illinois driver's license, and have no felony or misdemeanor arrests involving moral turpitude.

The City of Hoopeston offers an excellent wage and benefit package and is an equal opportunity employer.

PETS

Free to good home: 2 beautiful, well-mannered, gentle, obedient 2 yr old pit bulls – 1 male & 1 female. Owner is moving. Please call 217-772-1244 after 5 pm

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