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Icy crystal

An ice-covered tree in the 500 block of West Penn glistens in the glow of a street light early Wednesday morning. Ice accumulations Tuesday made for beautiful scenery, along with slick walking and driving. No major damage was reported in Hoopeston.

New strain of Covid-19 found in Vermilion County

A variant strain of COVID-19 – the B.1.1.7 strain – has been confirmed in a Vermilion County resident.

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole announced the first case of the new strain in his Tuesday update. It is believed to be more contagious than the original strain, he said.

B.1.1.7 is one of three strains discovered in fall 2020. It was first noticed in September in the United Kingdom and has since been found in many countries around the world. Other strains are:

B.1.351, which emerged in South Africa, shares some mutations with B.1.1.7. It has been detected outside of South Africa.

P.1 was identified in four travelers from Brazil

who were tested during routine screening in an airport outside Tokyo, Japan. It has not yet been identified in the U.S.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the strains do not appear to cause more severe illness or increased risk of death than Covid-19.

Health officials are studying whether existing vaccines will be effective with the new strains.

President Joe Biden, who criticized his predecessor for implementing travel bans when the novel coronavirus was spreading last year, has issued a travel ban for South Africa and has extended former President Trump's travel bans on Europe and Brazil, which were set to expire Tuesday.

Bennett named to House Republican leadership team

Named Assistant GOP Leader

SPRINGFIELD –State Representative Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) has been named to the House Republican leadership team and will serve as an Assistant Republican Leader in the 102nd General Assembly.

"I was honored to be selected as a member of the leadership team for the upcoming General Assembly," Bennett said. "As an Assistant Republican Leader I will have an even greater opportunity to influence policy and get things done for our district and for the state. I am eager to get to work on the many challenges our state faces."

Bennett was chosen for the post by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs). Durkin has served as House Republi-



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can Leader since 2013. Bennett was first sworn in to the House in 2015.

"Tom has been a longstanding, tireless advocate for his region and small businesses in his district, and has never once backed down in getting the answers and solutions they desperately need," Durkin said.

"Whether it's fighting for more efficiency at IDES or working to get small businesses re-opened during the pandemic, Tom will bring that drive to our Leadership team and ensure the House Republican Caucus has a voice at every table he finds himself at," Durkin added.

The new House of Representatives was sworn in on January 13 and returns to session in Springfield in early February.

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Briefly

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 4 p.m. Thursday, village office. Special meeting to discuss/approve engineering agreement/amendment for lift station project and review/approve amendments to the lift station project scope of work.

Card shower

Carol Hicks, of Hoopeston, is undergoing therapy following a medical issue. A card shower is being held to send cheer and well-wishes to her.

Cards may be mailed to: Carol Hicks, 326 E. Orange,

From the Blotter

Jason A. Kinnaird, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested on a complaint from a 60-year-old Hoopeston woman. The woman alleged at 10:32 a.m. Tuesday that Kinnaird, living in a shed behind the complainant, made a connection to her utility service without permission. The incident occurred in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Kinnaird was located, charged with theft of utility and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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WMD winners

January winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference monthly drawing are: Sharon Dixon, \$50, Nathaniel Carter, \$30; and Emily Krimbel \$20.

We would like to invite anyone that would like to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Contact a member or go to Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference on Facebook to get more information.

Food Cupboard needs

It's a new year but Grant Township Food Cupboard needs the same staples each month, including: Jiffy cornbread mix, smooth peanut butter, mac & cheese mix, pasta, pasta sauce, canned peas, bath soap, toilet tissue, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Weather

Sunny today. High 27. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 16. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 33, low 23.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Thank you!

As Just the Facts continues to encourage readers to support local businesses, I'd like to thank the local businesses that have continued to support Just the Facts. Especially during this time, I appreciate that you see the value in local journalism (and the impact of advertising in Just the Facts). Thank you so very much!

If you would like your business to help support local journalism AND get the benefits of local advertising, email publish@justthefacts.net or call (217) 283-9348.

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Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

2 bedroom first floor apartment, washer & dryer hook up, fresh paint, garbage paid, \$500 month 217-495-2274

HELP WANTED

Accepting applications for Cook, prep Cook, and dishwasher positions. Pick up application in person. Rossville Family Restaurant, 715 S. Chicago St., Rossville, IL

Wagner's, LLC, Milford, is hiring production workers, forklift drivers. Apply at 2812 E. 1100 N Rd., or call (815)-889-4101.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a Code Enforcement Officer. This is a part-time position with flexible hours working approximately 40 hours per month. Applications are available on our website www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services link then Employment. Contact City Hall, 217-283-5833, for more information.

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare has an opening for a full time cook. Requirements: Must be 19 years old, must be able to follow recipes and successfully cook/bake according to the recipe, must be able to pass a background check, must be willing to obtain Food Service Manager License, must be available from 6:30am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday, must be able to lift objects up to 20lbs and stand for most of the shift. Application information can be requested by emailing Terri Bush at mustardseed.kitchenstaff@gmail.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Interested candidates can apply online at silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/11205/0

Full-Fill Industries Henning, IL, is offering many job opportunities for full-time, with a full benefit package, and part-time positions. 1st and 2nd shifts available. Choose the schedule that fits your lifestyle - work 1, 2, or 3 days a week. Candidates must be 18 years old, and you can pick your shift. Machine Operators are needed for 1st & 2nd shift.

We offer a part-time flexible work schedule for Moms & Dads who want to earn extra cash during school hours, with an 8 am - 4:30 pm schedule to fit the needs of your family.

Please apply on-line at www.full-fill.com go to employment or employment opportunities and apply as indicated. EOE

Driver w/CDL needed. Home every night. Trips within 100 miles of Hoopeston. (217) 304-1943.

Autumn Fields of Hoopeston is looking for CNAs part time hours, every other weekend and shared holidays. Please call Autumn Fields @ 217-283-2222

KSii in Cissna Park is seeking a qualified Controls Technician for project site startups and in-field customer training for controls systems. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, electrical, technical, and troubleshooting skills. An understanding of PLCs and HMI applications is preferred.

Travel is required. Apply online at www.ksiedge.com or send resume to hr@ksiedge.com.

Dogtown Heating, Air, & Plumbing is in search of an experienced HVAC technician to help serve our customers in the area. Pay based on experience. Health insurance, Life insurance, and 2 weeks paid vacation. We have a family atmosphere that serves our customers with honesty and integrity. Email brad.dogtown@gmail.com

Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

HOUSES FOR SALE

1 BR, 1 bath, large garage, new roof. Corner lot. Asking \$35,000 firm. Call (217) 260-6131 for details.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

The Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters is accepting sealed bids for a dumbbell weight set, ranging from 5 to 100 lbs, and two racks. If interested in reviewing the weight set and racks, please contact the district office at 217-283-6668 for more details. All Sealed bids must be turned in to the District Office by 11:00 A.M. on 2/5/2021. Bids will be opened on 2/5/2021 at 11:15 a.m. The District Office will provide a bid sheet when requested.

SERVICES WANTED

Part time caregiver for elderly man with early dementia. Send resume to P.O. Box 85, East Lynn IL 60932 or email to publish@justthefacts.net.

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