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## Fire department asks motorists not to driver over fire hoses in use

In the wake of an early morning fire Tuesday - and countless fires before that - member of the Hoopeston Fire Department are asking help from residents.

Fire Chief Joel Bird and fire fighters are asking all citizens to not drive over fire hoses that may have to cross roads or intersections during an active fire scene.

Conditions already have dangerous situations occurring. These hoses are the fireman's lifelines during the extinguishing of the fire. If hoses become punctured or rupture because of someone driving over them, the fireman might lose the only tool to safely

escape harm.

We understand the curiosity of people wanting to know what is going on but we want to safely do our job in an efficient manner. So please if you happen to approach the scene and see the hoses stretched across the road please turn around or find another route.

Fire chiefs have the authority to legally charge a motorist who drives over a hose at a fire scene, but Bird said he is trying to educate drivers so he doesn't have to use that authority.

"We always value the support and safety of our great community," he said.

## Barickman seeks cards for Valentines for Seniors program

BLOOMINGTON – For many seniors living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, the ongoing pandemic has been an unusually lonely time. State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) is hoping to brighten the Valentine season for many of these residents through his Valentines for Seniors program.

"The hope here is to bring some joy nursing home residents and let them know how much we care about them," said Barickman. "If you're a member of a public service organization, please consider taking part in this program so we can brighten the days of as many of our seniors as possible."

Barickman is asking students from public and private schools, church groups, scouting organizations and other groups to create homemade cards that will be delivered to assisted living centers, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities across the state.

Cards, poems, and other well-wishes will be collected between now and Feb. 7 at Senator Barickman's office, located at 3004 G.E. Road, Suite 1B, Bloomington, IL. Cards can be placed in the Valentines box located inside the office door during business hours, or in a small mailbox that will be placed outside of the office during off-hours. Cards can also be mailed.

In 2021, members of the Illinois Senate Republican Caucus collected and delivered more than 45,000 Valentines through the statewide "Valentines for Seniors" program.

## ICGS to hold Ground Hog Day fundraiser at county museum

The Iroquois County Genealogical Society welcomes everyone to its Ground Hog Day fundraiser, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. The event takes place regardless of the weather, with serving in the Victorian Room of the Old Courthouse Museum, 103 W. Cherry, Watseka.

A meal will consist of a pulled pork sandwich, chips, sides, dessert and beverage. The dessert will be cupcakes and the beverage includes a variety of canned soda. Cost of the meal is donation only.

The ICGS is a non-profit organization. Fundraisers ensure the group continues its service to the community by preserving the history past generations have given.

For more information, send an email to [irogene@gmail.com](mailto:irogene@gmail.com) or call the ICGS office at 815-432-3730. Hours for the ICGS are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## Letters to the Editor

### *Seek first the kingdom of God*

One of the Creator's most important directives to Man-kind, tells us, to seek first the kingdom of God. In Proverbs 8:17 He said, "I love those that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

Because this world has become so ungodly and morally corrupt, our children are finding it more difficult to learn about God and learn about loving him and seeking his righteousness. Instead, they are taught things that are an abomination to God.

Because of their unbelief of God, and not accepting that in fact, God created heaven and earth, and every-thing ever created, both on earth and heaven, they spend their lives denying God. Thereby sending others to Hell too.

Instead of giving God the Glory for his great creation they rely on Man's ideas, such the "Big Bang" or things such Evolution, time, or gravity.

Their latest thing is the James Webb Space Telescope, which was launched into space just a few days ago. Someone wrote that it was "designed to study the early days of the universe, roughly 100 million years after the Big Bang, when the first stars flickered on in the cosmos."

That statement sadly demonstrates the present state of our education system and foolishness of Man. They totally ignore that God created the stars on the fourth day of his creation and not millions or billions of years ago. God Spoke the sun, moon, stars, and the planets into being just like he spoke a heaven and earth into being.

What took God almost no time to fill the heavens, now Man labors and spends billions of dollars trying to see what He put out there, through a huge telescope. One wonders if they really believe that they are going to see the early days of the universe thru that infrared telescope!

Getting back to reality, God does love us so much, that he wants humans to seek first the kingdom of God, so that we will spend eternity with Him instead of eternity in Hell and the Lake of Fire.

His home is in Heaven, way up in the sky, in what Paul called "the Third Heaven." Rest assured, that they won't see it through the \$10-billion James Webb telescope.

Only those who receive God's free gift of Eternal Life will enter Heaven. God will only extend that free gift to those who truly believe in Him, and his precious Son Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and rose again on

the third day. After his resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days on earth, he then accented to Heaven.

When God gives the word, Jesus will return to Earth to judge the wicked, and to rule Earth for a thousand years. And then there will be "a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" Rev. 21.

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.  
Coalgate, OK

## Sports

Hoopeston Area played host to Cissna Park's Timberwolves, defeating their guests 58-31.

Ben Brown led Cornjerker scoring with 26 points, followed by Owen Root with 11. Anthony Zamora added eight, Preston VanDeVeer and Nick Hofer scored six each and Mason Rush added one.

Brown was one for one from the three-point area, while Hofer was one for three and Root one of four.

At the free throw line, Brown hit five of nine and VanDeVeer four of six. Zamora had 100 percent with two hits. Rush and Hofer were one for two and one for four, respectively.

Hoopeston Area is now 8-14 overall and 2-2 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

The team will be on the road Friday to take on Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin at 6 p.m.

## Obituaries

**BELL** - Della D. Bell, 56, of Hoopeston, died at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**PRATHER** - Dorothy Prather, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 3:04 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living in Chrisman. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

## Weather

Chance of flurries today. High 36. Tonight, cloudy. Low 14. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 22, low 6.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

# Classifieds

## HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is accepting applications for summer cleaning crew. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than February 18, 2022.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St. Deadline is February 4, 2022.

KS i is looking for qualified candidates for the seasonal position of Production Associate in our Cissna Park facility. This position is primarily responsible for mechanical assembly of conveyors and final units. Potential candidates should possess a beginner level of mechanical skills and have a strong work ethic. Position would be M-F workweeks up to 45 hours per week. Majority of work would be in heated shop for cold winter months. Fill out an application from our website, [www.ksiedge.com](http://www.ksiedge.com), send inquiries to [hr@ksiedge.com](mailto:hr@ksiedge.com), or call 785-284-0600 ext. 1422. Applications may also be picked up at our location: 454 N State Route 49, Cissna Park, IL 60924.

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Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING! Apply at [www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities](http://www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities) Applications available onsite. EOE

HA CUSD #11 is accepting applications for a part time computer technician assistant. Duties include providing desktop support, assisting with infrastructure and A/V projects. <https://phl.applitrack.com/roe54/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Technology>

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