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Hoopeston Area goes green with two new electric buses

Hoopeston Area became a little greener last week with the arrival of two electric buses.

Supt. Robert Richardson, and Transportation Director Denise Bray, along with bus drivers, and other staff, anxiously waited for the buses to arrive on November 1. Expected at 9:30 a.m., northern weather conditions delayed their exit. The Lion Electric buses, each perched atop a flatbed trailer, made their entrance shortly after 10:30 a.m.

It wasn't long before Richardson was tapping on the body to check density of the skin, as Bray walked around the bus, examining it from front to back.

Lion account manager Steve Usiak accompanied the buses and fielded questions and detailed bus features to transportation personnel.

The electric buses are heavier than their combustion engine counterparts. Because of the battery array that powers it, the electric bus weighs in at 30,000 lbs., compared to 23,000 to 24,000 lbs. for a traditional bus.

Additionally, while gas-powered buses direct heat from the engine into the bus for warmth, these electric buses use diesel fuel, in a small tank on the side of the bus, to do the same.

Richardson said a bus will go 102 miles on a charge, with charging taking only a few hours. A driver can run a morning route, plug it in and have the bus ready for an afternoon route, he said.



Hoopeston Area Supt. Robert Richardson and Transportation Director Denise Bray give the once-over to one of two electric buses the district received last week. An Environmental Protection Agency grant for the buses, which were manufactured in the new Lion Electric plant in Joliet.

Bray, who has driven the buses, gives them a good review. "They're very quiet and they ride really smooth,," she said.

There are some drawbacks to the new buses. Because of the miles-per-charge limit, using electric buses for many away sports games is not feasible. Richardson said some districts are considering replacing their current fleet
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Play at 6:30 p.m.

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OWNER: PAT DUFFY ESTATE

AUCTIONEER NOTE: Pat moved to Roberts in 2017 and purchased furniture listed above. All furniture looks New & a lot of his tools are NIB or used very little. Please attend this auction.

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Passengers boarding HA's new electric buses are cautioned in French and English to watch their step as Lion Electric Company is based in Montreal, Canada.

Buses continued from other side

of buses with electric model, but that's not something Richardson is planning. "That's really jumping into the deep end," he said. Another drawback is, to make each charge last longer, a governor on the bus limits its upper speed limit to 60 m.p.h.

The cost of the buses - and necessary peripherals, like charging stations - was \$748,892, Bray said. The district received an Environmental Protection Agency clean energy grant that covered the cost, Richardson added.

Lion Electric is headquartered in Montreal. The company's French connection was obvious when the first bus door opened. "Watch your step" is accompanied by, "Attention a la marche," or "Watch out for walking."

Lion Electric Company began as Autobus Lion in 2011 and rebranded itself under its current name in 2017. In 2018, Lion established a base in Central California,

and, in 2021, announced a new manufacturing facility in Joliet to produce electric buses and trucks with an planned annual production capacity of 20,000 all-electric vehicles. It is the largest facility dedicated to zero emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles in the U.S. The first LionC school bus rolled off the assembly line in late 2022.

A grand opening of the facility was held on July 21, attended by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, as well as customers, including Hoopston Area representatives. Guests toured the school bus production line, received a truck and bus ride and got a first look at the LionD bus prototype, expected to be debut yet this year.

November 1 was a big day for buses at HA as two of three gas-powered buses ordered were also delivered.

Briefly

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Service groups to feed veterans

- VFW Buddy Egnew Post 4826 will host a lunch for area veterans in honor of Veterans Day, at noon Friday, Nov. 10. Ham & beans, cornbread muffins, dessert and a drink will be served.

- Hoopston American Legion Post 384 will serve chili from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Veterans Day, at The Legion, 502 E. Penn.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of rain today, tonight. High 72, low 46. Tomorrow, sunny. High 55, low 35.

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

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES

Lunch & Dinner Specials

- Monday:** Meatloaf, Taco Salad and grilled or breaded Tenderloins
- Tuesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles
- Wednesday:** Rib eye sandwich and Prime rib sandwich
- Thursday:** Swiss steak or Popcorn shrimp
- Friday:** Cod, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners
- Saturday:** Prime Rib, Rib Eye steak, and Rib dinners

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City of Hoopston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopston City Hall, 301 W. Main or www.cityofhoopston.com. For questions call (217) 283-5833.

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Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopston or call us at 855-692-7824.

City of Hoopston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

NOTICES

The Village of Rossville will be accepting sealed bids for a Municipally-owned 2022 KIA K5 until 5 p.m. on November 17, 2023 at the Rossville Municipal Building, 120 E. Attica Street, Rossville, IL 60963. Minimum bid - \$24,500. Bids will be opened at 7 pm on November 20, 2023 at the regular board meeting. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Chris White
Village Clerk

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