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**Electric bus maker Lion lays off workers, stops production**

Just a little more than a year ago, Hoopeston Area School District received two electric buses from the Lion Electric plant in Joliet.

Last week, state officials learned that the Quebec-based business is laying off 400 workers at both U.S and Canadian plants and has suspended operations at the Joliet plant. Lion officials are looking at options - including selling the business - and is seeking creditor protection under Canada's Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, according to reports.

In a written statement, Lion said, "There can be no assurance that (Lion) will be successful in pursuing and implementing any such alternatives, nor any assurance as to the outcome or timing of any such alternatives."

Gov. JB Pritzker, who attended the plant's grand opening in July 2023, blamed President-elect Donald Trump for the slow electric vehicle (EV) market, caused by Trump's rhetoric and promise he made to "kind of tear down the electric vehicle...industry development."

Hoopeston Area representatives were also among those who attended the plant's grand opening.

Lion hoped for Illinois tax credits through the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) tax credit, but Pritzker said the company has not received any tax dollars.

In a press release, Pritzker press secretary Alex Gough said Illinois has made tremendous progress toward turn-  
**See LION on other side**

**HPL to hold reading challenge, annual scavenger hunt**

Hoopeston Public Library is holding two special events this month.

The first, Winter Reading Challenge, begins Monday and runs through February 28. Pick up a Challenge Book list at the main desk. Complete at least five of the challenges and write the title and author next to the challenge you complete.


Return completed reading list by February 28 to receive one of the library's new buffalo plaid book totes. Read all 15 to receive another special warm winter gift.

Watch for more season reading challenges coming throughout 2025.

The second event will be the Winter Break Family Scavenger Hunt at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2 at the library. Gather a team of at least four people - one of whom is at least 18 years old. It's fun for all ages. There will be prizes for winners and some other surprises.

Call (217) 283-671 or stop by the library, at 110 N. Fourth St., to register for the hunt!

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## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese quesadilla, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, baby carrots, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza bagels, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy Juice, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice, broccoli, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, veggies, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Cook's Choice (TBA)

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice or hot ham & cheese, broccoli, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Mini corndogs or hamburger/bun, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk juice

WEDNESDAY: Max Snax or BBQ rib/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Cook's Choice (TBA)

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

## From the Blotter

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 2:17 p.m. Thursday at South Dixie Hwy. and West Main. Police said Nicholas Garmon, 20, of Alvin, was northbound in a 2013 Chevrolet, turned east and slid into the front of a 2021 GMC driven by Janet Schunke, 76, of Watseka.

**Arnoldo Molina**, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers checked out with him at 3:33 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of South Second Ave.

Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Lion continued from other side

ing Illinois into a manufacturing hub for electric vehicles. "Our partnership with Lion electric continues to be a vital piece of that strategy.

"While this measure is temporary, we remain hopeful that Lion will continue to serve as a pillar of the (nearby) Joliet community, and we are confident their 900,000-square-foot facility will continue to be a standard-bearer as the largest all-electric US plant dedicated to medium and heavy-duty commercial vehicle production."

On November 1, 2023, Hoopeston Area received two buses from the company, with a price tag of \$748,892, which included the vehicles and peripherals, such as the charging stations. The district received an Environmental Protection Agency clean energy grant that covered the cost.

Lion Electric's stock dropped from \$2.47 a share in July 2023 to 34 cents a share last week.

## Weather

Rain likely today. High 55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of rain late. High 44, low 33.

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

## Briefly

### Meetings

**Hoopeston City Council**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include insurance proposal review and Tax Increment Financing requests.

### Christmas sing-along

Lou Graham will do a Christmas sing-along with organ at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 18 at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St.. All are welcome to come and sing or just enjoy the music.

### P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so. All are welcome to come.

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Little's @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-

## Obituaries

**ZBINDEN** - William R. Zbinden, 86, of Cropsey, formerly of Cissna Park, died December 12, 2024, at BroMenn Medical Center, Normal. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Saturday, December 21, at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park Education Fund, Christian Bible Church, or Cissna Park Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at [knappfuneralhomes.com](http://knappfuneralhomes.com).

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## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Public Library is looking for someone to do snow removal on the property this winter. Work will include clearing all sidewalks, entrance areas, and steps before the library opens, salting all walkways, and retreating/re-shoveling as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. Call Tricia Freeland at the library 217-283-6711 for more details.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Apply online at [silgancontainers.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic\\_R2678](http://silgancontainers.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic_R2678)

City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for Animal Control Officer. The city will hire a part-time control officer to share the duties of the position. Candidates would be responsible for enforcing State, County and City codes and ordinances governing animal control including the care and treatment, impounding, quarantine, vaccinations, and regulation of a variety of animals. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent and must be comfortable with aggressive animals. Candidates will be sent to the required training necessary for the position. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment-application/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment-application/).

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