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## Hoopeston Area schools' mid-year finances in good shape

Halfway through the year, Hoopeston Area is on good financial footing.

Superintendent Mark Conolly released budget figures at Thursday's school board meeting.

Those figures show that the district's major funds, including education, building, transportation, Illinois Municipal Retirement, working cash and Life Safety, are all in good cash positions.

The district's major fund, the education fund, has received 54 percent of its budgeted revenue as well as 54 percent of its budgeted expenses. The building fund has gotten 92 percent of its revenue and 36 percent of its expenses; transportation 74 percent income and 51 percent expenses; IMRF 88 percent income, 23 percent expenses; working cash 47 percent income with no loans from the fund; and Life Safety, 96 percent of income and 42 percent of expenses.

"In all cases, we're in a good cash position," Conolly said, adding that may change under the new governor.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen at the end of this year," he said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich is asking all segments of Illinois to make cuts to help reduce the state deficit. "If school districts are asked to carry their fair share, there could be some cuts," Conolly said.

In unrelated discussion, board president Larry Lobb said he will appoint a committee to discuss forming an athletic alliance with Rossville-Alvin. Currently, R-A shares sports programs with Hoopeston Area, Bismarck-Henning and Armstrong-Potomac but the district wants to align itself with one district.

Rossville-Alvin and Hoopeston Area currently share not only sports programs but also some classes.

If shared athletics are approved, it does not mean the districts will merge completely in the near future. Lobb said a recent newspaper article said Rossville-Alvin will not reorganize for two to five years, depending on their

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## Briefly

### Closings

Monday is Martin Luther King Day. Financial institutions and government offices will be closed.

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, office closed; Tuesday, Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, closed; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

### Sweetheart Banquet

The Hoopeston Area High School drama department and student council will sponsor the 12th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the high school gym.

Any Hoopeston Area senior citizen who wants to attend is asked to call (217) 283-6668 and leave their name(s) and the number in their party. Reservations must be made by Feb. 3.

For more information, call 283-6668.

### Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

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Police News

Heather M. Funk, 26, of 526 E. Thompson, was arrested at 10:15 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of North Seventh Ave.  
Funk was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 38-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Funk struck his face and tore his clothes following an argument.  
Funk was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a hearing.  
A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone bent a windshield wiper on her car into a U-shape. The woman said she parked her car in the 200 block of East Main at about 6:30 p.m.  
A boy's Magna dirt bike was found Friday morning in the 700 block of West Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.  
No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of South Market.  
Police said John G. Benjamin of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Ford, backed from a parking space into a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Kenneth L. Henson, also of Hoopeston. Henson was turning into an alleyway at the time.  
Benjamin was at fault for improper backing, police said.

Bowling Scores

Tuesday Night Classic League

Standings 1/14/02

|                            |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|
| 1. Production Tooling      | 49 | 31 |
| 2. Hiltz Liquid Waste      | 48 | 32 |
| 3. Crop Production Service | 42 | 38 |
| 4. Hoopeston Weather Line  | 42 | 38 |
| 5. Ross Electric           | 41 | 39 |
| 6. Pla-Mor Lanes           | 39 | 41 |
| 7. Ferdinand Construction  | 38 | 42 |
| 8. JBM                     | 21 | 59 |

Games over 210:

Tim Coon 210; Randy Hiltz 246, 216; Kenny McVicker 215; Mike Dean 211, 219; Dave Hughes 216; Tony Gress 212, 215, 227; Mark Butterworth 247, 221; Henry Reutter 226, 214; Willard Bruens 214; Todd Keith 215; Dennis Gress 222; Bob Bruens 289, 234; Bob Ponder 215; Doug Wagoner 226, 211.

Series over 600:

Randy Hiltz 644, Kenny McVicker 616, Mike Dean 637, Tony Gress 654, Mark Butterworth 668, Henry Reutter 624, Bob Bruens 713, Doug Wagoner 624.

Hall of Shame:

Wendell Ferdinand 124.

Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 1/15/03

|                     |      |      |
|---------------------|------|------|
| 1. Corrflex         | 50   | 22   |
| 2. Hoopeston Awards | 49   | 23   |
| 3. FHHGG            | 45.5 | 26.5 |
| 4. Pla-Mor Lanes    | 39   | 33   |
| 5. Ravens           | 32.5 | 39.5 |
| 6. Bacca            | 29.5 | 42.5 |
| 7. High Five        | 27.5 | 44.5 |
| 8. Bye              | 15   | 57   |

High Team Game:

Play-Mor Lanes 682; High Team Series: Pla-Mor Lanes 1,853; High Individual Game: Bob Bruens 289, Mark Butterworth 247, Randy Hiltz 246; High Individual Series: Bob Bruens 713, Mark Butterworth 668, Tony Gress 654.

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finances.

In other sports-related discussion, high school principal Hank Hornbeck said the SIA folded after Christmas and the ICC conferences closed Wednesday, leaving only the Sangamon Valley Conference, of which Hoopeston Area is a member, and talks about a new Route 1 Conference.  
The board approved continuing talks on the possibility of joining that conference.  
Finally, the board approved a one-year extension of Conolly's contract at a salary to be determined later. Member John Smiley voted against the extension citing a difference of management philosophies.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 25. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 10. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 22, low 10.  
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