

MARK A. MAGEE
SHIELDS

AUTO CENTER



ONLY IN A
Jeep



SEE MORE - SAVE MORE

RANTOUL 1.800.373.4193



305 E. Main, Hoopeston

Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day

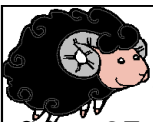
\$2 OFF

Quicklube Plus

- Lube, oil & Filter
- Top off Fluids
- 10-pt. maintenance check

Call 283-6688

*Not valid with other offers



Black Sheep Pub

will be open for dinners thru
Sept. 27 for the Farm Progress Show!

Regular menu featuring steaks & chops.

Wed. night tacos, Friday night fish

Serving lunches 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

125 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-4114

Lourdine Florek
owner/publisher

Just the Facts®

Phone/Fax:
(217) 283-9348

Email:

publish@justthefacts.net

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication

P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

www.justthefacts.net

2003-04 school budget to use most of remaining surplus

The budget approved by the Hoopeston Area School Board Thursday will nearly eliminate the district's surplus of funds.

The budget is nearly \$1 million short in the education fund, which is used to pay most school expenses, said business director Don Dean. "The surplus basically will be used up at the end of this year," he said.

With dwindling savings, the district will, in the next couple of years, have to look at increasing revenue and making cuts. "I don't know if we can do it only on one side," Dean said.

Besides the education fund, other funds expected to show a negative year-end balance include the building, transportation and Life Safety funds.

In unrelated action, the board:

learned Hoopeston Area lost 43 students from last year. Six-day enrollment figures, used to compute state aid, show this year's total at 1,373.

Hoopeston's enrollment has seen a decline over the past 15 years but has been steadily declining since 1995's high of 1,691, according to figures released by the district.

"We'd like to see that turn around," said Superintendent Mark Conolly, "but with business and industry declining, I'm not sure that's going to happen."

learned the district has received paperwork to take part in a study with other north Vermilion County schools regarding consolidation. Conolly said the study will look at all aspects of school, including, books, staff and technology. The study, done by Dr. William Phillips and

Associates, will also look at Rossville-Alvin, Bismarck-Henning and Armstrong-Potomac grade and high schools.

The state will pick up the tab for most of the estimated \$10,000 cost of the study. Rossville-Alvin, who has considered joining Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning, has offered to pay about \$2,000 not covered.

reiterated that school will be in session Tuesday, the first day of the Farm Progress Show. Other districts have dismissed school for the three-day event, and Hoopeston Area may close for the final two days, depending on the local impact Tuesday.

Several Hoopeston Area High School students are volunteering at the event.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More than 1,300 previewed movies and Nintendo games at Countryside Mall, Hoopeston.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom upstairs apt. \$295/mo. Heat, water furnished. (217) 283-9310.

FOR RENT

9'x18' semi-private office space available at Hoopeston Multi Agency. Call for details, (217) 283-5544.

HOMES FOR SALE

Homes for sale. Will sell on contract. (217) 283-6025

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1991 20' Chevy Conquest motor home. Low mileage, loaded. A-1 shape. (217) 283-6715.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad.

Every Tuesday is
LADIES & SENIOR CITIZENS DAY
Take \$2 OFF our already low price! Our professionals are here to serve you.
Quality Service You Can Trust!
Hoopeston Express Lube
Hoopeston Plaza Rtes. 1 & 9



Stop. Go. Pennzoil.

Norton Antivirus
with updates for 1 year

\$29.95



303B E. Main Street

Hoopeston (217) 283-9552

Mon.-Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-2

Hoopeston Multi Agency
Ham & Bean
Dinner

Oct. 2, 2003 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tickets \$4

206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston
Pay-at-the-door Carry-out meals
available. Cost: \$4.50
Dinner includes ham & beans,
cornbread, drink & dessert



Urich Motors Summer Clearance

Now through Sept. 30



See Tracy, Dallas, Carter or Jerry today



Just In!!!
'95 F150XL
V-8, auto/air - LOADED!
Sharp!
only \$6,995



We can locate anything!

including '03 Grand Am, Taurus,
Intrepid, Alero or pickup!



'94 Camaro
Local trade - 1 Owner
Bought new in Hoopeston
29,000 miles
Auto/air/T-tops
only \$6,995

Dr. Oh Trade-Ins

'94 Camry
Auto/air/only 84,000 mi.
\$4,900

HURRY!

'93 Corolla
Red, auto/air/moon roof
\$3,900



Our mission is to provide a
Quality Vehicle at a Competitive
Price with NO High Pressure!

Jerry Urich



Ole Carter's Back!