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## Property tax reevaluation, increased exemptions to cost HA

Hoopeston Area schools will lose an estimated \$200,000 in tax revenue because of reassessed property, increased property tax exemptions and Hoopeston's Tax Increment Financing district.



### An eggs-citing time

Sam McLane, one and a half, bags an egg with a little help from his aunt, Marlo Davis, at Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt. Sam was one of several children who took part in the hunt, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Funding for the event also came from the coffee group that meets each morning at the Masonic Lodge. The coffee drinkers donated \$100 towards the Easter egg hunt.

The district will lose about \$20,000 in tax dollars after Hoopeston Foods Inc. and ADM protested their property taxes, Superintendent Mark Conolly said at Thursday's school board meeting.

An additional \$130,000 is expected to be lost through increases in the owner-occupied and senior citizen exemptions and about \$20,000 to the city TIF, he said after the meeting.

"The referendum looks better and better," Conolly said of the tax increase that passed last November. The 90 cent hike in education fund taxes was to generate \$600,000 for the fund, which pays most expenses of educating students.

In related action, the board approved fees for the 2005-06 year and, thanks to the referendum, they did not increase. Book rental for Early Childhood will be \$25 and \$50 for grades K-12; breakfast will be \$1; reduced breakfast 30 cents; lunch \$1.75 elementary and \$2, middle/high school and 40 cents reduced.

Ticket prices for middle school activities will be \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students; high school activities will cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. All-school passes, good for 10 events, will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Senior citizens are admitted free to all events.

In other action, the board:

- approved hiring all non-tenured teachers for the 2005-06 year, including Matthew Dix, Kara Haley, Katherine Clayton, Will Clayton, Josh Haley, Daphne High, Emily Jones, Joe Legg, Richard Stipp, Patricia Mann and Sara Troxel.

Also hired were Sue Green, home economics; John Klaber, middle school science; and John Hardcastle, assistant girls softball coach.

- resignations were accepted from Debbie Ledford, high school computer applications; Sean Lyon,

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**Matthew W. Moser**, 23, of 717 E. Thompson was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:34 p.m. Thursday at West McCracken and Rt. 1.

Moser was charged with operation of a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance and operation of an uninsured vehicle. He was released on his license and \$100 cash bond.

A **36-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that someone took her 1995 Buick from her front drive in the 800 block of East Penn.

Officers discovered the vehicle at the rear of the residence. The vehicle had been damaged and the woman's purse taken.

A **15-year-old** boy was arrested at 1:20 p.m. Friday at Hoopeston Area Middle School. He was charged with aggravated battery on a school teacher after police allege he put his shoulder into the back of a teacher, knocking the teacher off balance.

The boy was taken to the Vermilion County Youth Juvenile Detention Center.

A **16-year-old** boy reported Friday that his

## Police News

wallet was taken from the 600 block of East Orange. The black tri-fold has white letters, BDV.

A 16-year-old Hoopeston boy was charged with more than 16 charges after police chased him early Saturday morning.

Police said the boy, on an allegedly stolen motorcycle, turned southbound in the alley between Market and Front. The motorcycle had no working headlight or taillight and no registration. An officer tried to stop the motorcycle but the driver sped up and was chased through Hoopeston. The boy lost control of the motorcycle in the 500 block of West Orange and ran away. He was apprehended and charged with aggravated fleeing and attempting to elude police, resisting arrest and 16

### Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:17 p.m. Thursday to 1700 E at 4300 North Rd. for a ditch on fire.

Firemen were called at 4:22 p.m. Friday for a field fire at Eighth St. and East Wyman.

## Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Lafayette, Ind. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: March 21, Steiner Farm Drainage; March 22, Vickie Johnson/Community Bank; March 23, Kevin L. Butzow; March 24, Steve and Jamie Highfill; March 25, Peg Hofbauer.

### Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Rossville Area School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.
- Special Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

### Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 48. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 38. Tomorrow, rain likely. High 48, low 34.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston



other traffic charges.

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**Benjamin A. Combs**, 49, of 735 N. Market was arrested at 5:06 p.m. Saturday at his home. Combs, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for

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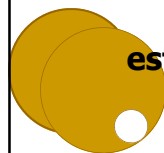
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