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### Hoopeston superintendent announces 2017 retirement

Hank Hornbeck will celebrate his 10th anniversary as Hoopeston Area superintendent in 2017 by retiring.

The district school board accepted Hornbeck's intent to retire letter at Thursday's board meeting., effective June 30, 2017.

Hornbeck was named superintendent effective July 2, 2007, following the December 2006 death of then-Superintendent Mark Conolly.

Hornbeck was chosen from a field of 20 applicants - five of whom were



HORNBECK

interviewed by the board - and was high school middle/ high school principal for nine years prior to his promotion.

In other personnel business, the board:

• Hired Lisa Masengale-Acton as district Response to Intervention coordinator, effective August 20. She replaces Suzi Root, who was promoted to Honeywell principal starting next year.

- Hired Kelly Ankenbrand as middle/high school technology/business teacher, effective August 20. She replaces Debbi Lankford, who is retiring.
- Justin Snow was approved as high school science teacher for the new school year.
- Also, Carla Mobley was approved as high school summer credit recover teacher for English for this summer, and Kris Kellerhals will be transferred fro Honeywell Special Education to Maple Early Childhood for the new school year.
- Retirements of Diane Swartz, Jo Alt and Jan Morgan were approved for the end of this school year, as were the resignations of Jessica Watson, Maple aide, and Kristen Allen, high school media teacher.

In other business, the board:

Heard from Maple teachers Tiffani Cox and Caughron about Class DoJo, a web-based program being used by all teachers at the school that awards or deducts points based on behavior.

- Approved the high school improvement plan.
- Approved supporting the state's Vision 20/20 plan.
- Approved an updated Acceptable Use Policy for computer use.
- Approved an updated school calendar; summer school credit recovery program; 2015-16 high school policy manual; and two-year wrestling co-op with Milford.

See SUPERINTENDENT on other side

#### From the Blotter

A 36-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 3:33 p.m. Thursday that someone stole a battery from a vehicle and in doing so, damaged the vehicle. The burglary and damage occurred in the 300 block of Front.

A 53-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 4:16 p.m. Friday that someone took drainage materials from a service truck at Hiltz Portable Sanitation, 506 N. Seventh Ave., sometime Tuesday night. Police are investigating.

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Hoopeston Area School Board members and guests at Thursday's board meeting listen as students in Clint Mathewson's government class present information on their community service project. The students, pictured from left, Madie Brown, Matt Stock, Jessica Purdy and Kaelynn Longfellow, chose drug use as their project. They interviewed people in the community about the problem, came up with causes and possible solutions, then planned ways their solutions could be implemented. Mathewson has students in his government classes do similar projects each year.

### Superintendent continued from other side

- Heard from Hornbeck about a planned middle school alternative education program for students who are falling behind academically. School officials in Vermilion County have been discussing the alternative program, which will be funded through state aid, will be computer-based and will hopefully start in the fall, Hornbeck said.
- Heard from Hornbeck about the April 23 Golden Ruler

banquet that will be held at Bismarck Junior High School. Hoopeston Area recipients include Tim Hillard, computer technician; Kristy Garrison, John Greer aide; Amy Pickett, cafeteria worker; Brenda Weston, second grade teacher; and Tonna Hofer, kindergarten teacher.

• Heard from Principal Dan Walder that John Greer's scratch off fundraiser, Shuck the Corn, was very successful, taking it \$9,251 and making a \$7,600 profit.

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#### Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup, for yard waste only, is underway. Piles with plastic, concrete, brick or lumber will not be picked up.

#### **Collecting cans**

Youth from First Church of God, Hoopeston, are collecting cans for church camp this summer. Cans may be dropped off on the north side of the church at 1004 E. Orange, or for pickup, call (217) 283-9330

### Surprise open house

Please join the families of Ray and Dorothy Willard of Rossville, in honoring their 90th birthdays and 69 years of marriage. A surprise open house will be held at Rossville Fire Station community room from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2. No gifts are requested.

For those unable to attend, cards may be sent to the Willards c/o Rossville Historical Society, 103 W Attica, Rossville IL 60963.

#### **Lunch Menus**

#### **Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, applesauce, Power Pumch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Spaghettios, Max Stix, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

#### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken patty or ham & cheese, salad bar, broccoli & cheese, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Cheese quesadilla or pork BBQ, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

#### Weather

Showers likely today. High 58. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 39. Tomorrow, breezy. High 58, low 40.

#### **Obituaries**

**DANIELS** - Russell Edgar Daniels, 85, of Watseka, died Saturday, April 18, 2015. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, and will be one hour before the 11 a.m. funeral Monday at Baier Funeral Home. Burial will be in Prairie Dell Cemetery, Iroquois. Memorials are suggested to Pitwood Christian Church or IMH Hospice. Among his survivors, is a daughter, Charlene (Rick) Highfill, of Milford.

## **Classifieds**

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has the following openings for the 2015-16 school year:

- Secretary
- •Personal Aide
- Classroom Aide (4 positions available)

Applications are available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, <a href="https://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us">www.hoopeston.k12.il.us</a>

#### **LOST & FOUND**

On Tuesday, April 14, I attended the Fine Arts program at Honeywell Grade School at noon. I wore a turquoise/silver necklace and sometimke during the program, unnoticed by me, it came off. I have retraced my steps several times with no success. The necklace has a sentimental value to me and I miss it terribly. If anyone should find it anywhere, I would surely appreciate it if you would contact me or turn it in to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Eileen Leemon (217) 495-2263

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