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Vermilion County final property equalization factor set at 1.0

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Constance Beard, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequi-

ties among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.19 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2013,

See FACTOR on other side



Miah Leslie wins pageant honors

Miah Leslie, the six-year-old daughter of Shane and Jenna Leslie of Hoopeston, was crowned Best of America at America's Best Pageant held in Danville last month.

Miah was awarded the title of Petite Miss Hoopeston and will be advancing on to the Big Cash Payout Show-down held in Springfield October 27-29, where she hopes to bring home a big title for her community.

America's Best Pageant promotes community service. Miah has already begun her community involvement by helping Miss April from Learn and Lead Academy at their free drive-in movie night held May 11.

Miah will be making her appearance through the community all summer.

MIAH LESLIE
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Cornjerker runner brings home fifth place from state finals

A Hoopeston Area athlete brought home fifth place from last weekend's IHSA state track finals and set a

From the Blotter

A black and white Trek bicycle was found at 9 a.m. Monday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Police are investigating the theft of an entire wheel from a vehicle that was reported at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday by a 33-year-old Hoopeston woman. The theft occurred in the 700 block of South First Ave.

Factor continued from other side

2014, and 2015.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2016 taxes, payable in 2017. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tenta-

Court Dispositions

April 6

Deanna Smithers, Hoopeston, case to be turned over to comptroller for collection.

Tammy Coon, Hoopeston, case to be turned over to comptroller for collection.

Sarah Wisecup, Hoopeston, case to be turned over to comptroller for collection.

Tasha Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, status check May 4.

Nathaniel Perkins, Hoopeston, status check May 4.

Alexis De La Rosa, Hoopeston, status check May 4.



Hoopeston Lions Club
Monthly
Fish Fry in the Park
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personal record in the process.

Trey Houmes' 9.36.58 time in the 3200 meter run was enough to earn fifth place in Saturday's Illinois High School Association track and field finals at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

The time also set a personal record for the Cornjerker junior, and was a significant cut from his time that got him to state, 10:07.41 at the Paxton-Buckley Loda sectional on May 18.

At the sectional, Houmes' time of 4:36.74 in the 1600 meter run also qualified for state, where he finished 13th with a personal best time of 4:30.

tive factor issued in March 2017 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Weather

Sunny today, chance of thunderstorms late. High 77, low 59. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 81, low 64.

Obituaries

McCRA Y - Carol McCray, 73, of Cissna Park, died Monday, May 29, 2017 at Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

SILVER - Pastor William Raymond Silver, 87 of Georgetown, formerly of Hoopeston, died Saturday, May 27, 2017. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Bethel Baptist Church, 501 S. Main St., Georgetown. Celebration of his life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Camp Assurance, P.O. box 18, Georgetown IL. Sunset's Houghton-Leasure Funeral Home, Georgetown is handling arrangements.

Classifieds

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Electric hospital bed w/new mattress, \$250; poker table w/extra top \$60. (815) 984-5124

RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 705 S. Third St. (in alley). Sat., 8 a.m. 50¢ sale on clothing & shoes. LOTS of toddler, Jr., men, women, some brand new. All misc. items 25¢ - books, toys, home decor. Bicycles \$5, Pack n Play \$2, electric weed eater \$1. Free TVs, old but work (2 large, 2 small)

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