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Hoopeston Area non-certified staff approve joining union

The Hoopeston Area bargaining table just got a little

It was announced at Tuesday's school board meeting that 55 non-certified staff recently approved unionizing. Their ballots were joined by 44 of 52 teachers voting yes, as well. Support staff voted to join the Hoopeston Education Association, rather than a separate union.

Negotiations with the board on a contract for noncertified staff will begin next semester, said Dylan



Have you seen me?

Sally, a four-month old calico kitten, is missing from her rural Hoopeston home. She may have jumped into the engine compartment of the family truck and come to Hoopeston, possibly jumping out at Honeywell School. If seen, call Duane Sheppard, (217) 497-7495.

Swank, HEA president. Support staff will have their own contract until 2020, when a new HEA contract is negotiated.

Phone/Fax: (217) 283-9348

Swank told the board he takes his roll seriously and "delivers the voice of the staff" to the board in his monthly report. "If you value teachers and staff, let their voices be heard," he said, adding he hopes both sides can "build bridges between HEA and the district."

In other business, the board unanimously approved the 2018 tax levy of about \$79 million, based on a five percent increase in equalized assessed valuation (EAV), said business manager Mark Eighner. The increased levy does not necessarily mean increased taxes. "If your rates

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All are welcome! **Hoopeston United Methodist Church** Christmas Eve Service 11 p.m. December 24 403 E. Main St. Early service 7 p.m. Wellington UMC Service 4 p.m.













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Briefly

Christmas services

Hoopeston UMC will hold two Christmas Eve services, at 7 p.m. and again at 11 p.m.

Wellington UMC will hold a Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Hoopeston will present a Christmas program, Little Angels, at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church 522 N. Tenth Ave., one block east of Rt. 1 on Thompson. A birthday party for Jesus with free dinner will follow the service.

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell, will hold Christmas services on Sunday, with a children's service at 10:30 a.m. and candle-lighting service at 5 p.m. Please join us - we'd love to have you!

Annual Christmas dinner

The seventh annual Hoopeston Community Christmas Dinner will be held from noon-3 p.m. Christmas Day at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Dinner is free and open to everybody and delivery is available for shutins.

Reservations to eat at the center or for delivery may be made by calling (217) 283-5544, (217) 495-1620 or (815) 341-8541. Rolls and desserts are needed, as are volun-

teers the day of the dinner. To find out how you can help, call one of the numbers. Monetary donations may be made at First Farmers Bank and Trust, Hoopeston.

Christmas closings

- Republic Services will be closed Christmas Day. Garbage pickup will run one day late the rest of the week.
- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed December 22-25 and December 31 and January 1 for the holidays.
- Hoopeston City offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Hoopeston Police Department will be open.
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From the Blotter

A 15-year-old boy was arrested at 11:58 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of East Orange. Charged with possession of marijuana, he was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court and released to a parent.

A cell phone was found at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Union continued from other side

don't change, you won't have an increase," he said.

In other financial business, the board approved a \$15,000 loan to the high school marketing class to create a Cornjerker merchandising projects. The class will order items to sell in the school's Spirit Store.

Offerings are expected to include notebooks, clear water bottles with the Cornjerker logo, clothing, including a "shirt of the month" bobble heads, which have a minimum order of 500 and 9" plus dolls, with a minimum order of 600.

The board also heard from high school Principal John Klaber that 55 applications have been received for the Hall of Champions, designed to inspire current students by showcasing successful recent graduates from 2010-18.

Klaber hopes information on 60 former students can be displayed in the school's halls, on posters designed by the marketing class, to show off the post-school success of former students.

Weather

Chance of rain/snow, then cloudy today. High 36. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 39, low 28. Sunday, partly sunny. High 38, low 24.

Obituaries

AULT - Phyllis A. (Hoveln) Ault, 78, of Rankin, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018 at Accolade Health Care, Paxton. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at race Lutheran Church, Rankin. Burial will follow in Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

PATE - Gertrude Marie (Maul) Pate, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 1:01 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Saturday at Prairie Green Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Green Church of Christ, 278 N 2800 East Rd., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Ryan and Megan and their staff at
Anderson Funeral Home would like to
thank everyone who attended our 13th
annual Christmas Remembrance Service.
If you were unable to attend, your
ornament will be available for you to pick
up at our office until
Friday December 28th.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 BR, single/double occupancy efficiency apartments available at Princess Apartments, Hoopeston. \$450/mo., \$450 deposit. Clean, secure building. All utilities, refrigerator, stove included, coin laundry available on premises. No pets. Pick up application at Bricks and Ivy Sports, 201 E. Main St.

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