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Bismarck-Henning parents warned of possible early closure

Parents of students in the Bismarck-Henning school district were notified on July 19 that the district may not be able to reopen after Christmas break if the state doesn't start paying its obligations.

A letter from Supt. Scott Watson was sent to parents and posted on the district web page, www.bismarck.k12.il.us. In it, Watson said the district received not quite \$2.8 million, \$190,000 less than it was to receive.

There is currently no school funding budget for the

current school year, which began July 1 and Bismarck-Henning has only enough reserve funds to remain open for the first semester. "There is really only 1 option at this time if there is no School Budget Funding; (1) open the doors in August and run until the money runs and we go broke, then we close our doors," Watson wrote.

State money makes up almost 34 percent of the district's total revenue, providing 45 percent of the educa-

See CLOSURE on other side



Helping hands

Employees of First Farmers Bank & Trust of Hoopeston recently donated seven big bags of nonperishable foods and toiletry items to the Hoopeston Multi Agency's emergency food pantry. Executive Director Dana Schaumburg recently started the pantry for those who have exhausted all other assistance and who are in need of such items. Pictured are, from left, Sandy Lewis, assistant branch manager, Schaumburg, and Brandi Tothoroh, Hoopeston FFBT branch manager.

Photo contributed

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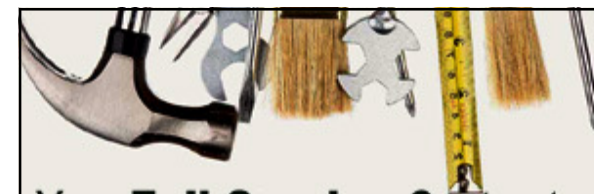
Fish Fry

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Closure continued from other side

tion fund and 42 percent of the transportation fund. Watson wrote that the state must enact a school funding budget with adequate funds for the upcoming year but that legislators are deadlocked on a funding bill passed by both the House and Senate - SB1 - that would send \$500 million to Chicago public schools. "This means less money down state school, therefore the Governor says he will veto it," Watson wrote. "The toxic climate at the Capital often leads one to avoid getting involved. Yet, as taxpayers and as citizens who are concerned about the health and future of the state, now is the time to be engaged," he wrote to parents, urging them to contact Sen. Jason Barickman (jason@jasonbarickman.org) and Rep. Tom Bennett (bennett@ilhousegop.emailnb.com) to let them know residents' feelings about the "current state of our state." Meanwhile, he wrote, he and Bismarck-Henning's board will monitor the situation closely and are "committed to doing everything we can to continue the outstanding educational services that your child deserves, and are committed to serving our school community."

From the Blotter

Three cell phones were found Wednesday and turned into the police station, including:
 • A black Coolpad phone, found in the 600 block of West Elm.
 • A black Trac Phone found on North Market
 • A red and black Cricket phone, location not listed.
 To claim phone, owners must be able to unlock them.
Christopher S. Wyatt, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 5:53 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of East Honeywell.
 Police said a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman called

police, alleging he physically harmed her. Wyatt was charged with domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.
 A **21-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 6:51 p.m. Wednesday that someone took items from his vehicle in the 800 block of East Elm. Some items were recovered.

Obituaries

MOORE - Shirley Moore, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 1:37 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at her daughter's home in Ashkum. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.
WHITE - Norma White, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Court Dispositions

June 1
Robert Ferrell, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Jesse Zarate, status check July 6.
Susan Zamora, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Brian Suiter, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Mary Vaughn, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Beth Williams, Hoopeston, status check September 7.
Jason Reyes, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Tasha Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, case turned over to Illinois Comptroller's office for further enforcement.
David Cannon, Hoopeston, status check July 6.
Alexis De La Rosa, Hoopeston, status check July 6.

Weather

Heat advisory through 8 p.m. Saturday. Today, mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. High 91. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 75. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 91, low 72. Sunday, mostly sunny, then chance of storms. High 88, low 65.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for an Rtl Aide at John Greer Elementary for the 2017-18 school year. Applications are available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

Our growing chiropractic office in Hoopeston is looking for an employee who enjoys talking with people and getting out in the public. Must be dependable, team oriented, and have a flexible schedule. Are you that person? This position consists of marketing and sales duties and is a full time position. Please send resume to: Box C, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942.

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