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## Hoopeston Area board, teachers sign two-year contract

The Hoopeston Area board of education Thursday night accepted a two-year contract with the Hoopeston Education Association.

"It was almost a model contract," superintendent Don Dean said. "It took two sessions and about three and a half hours."

Under the contract the base teaching salary will increase from \$17,300 to \$18,100 in 1994-95 and \$18,700 in 1995-96.

The maximum experience was also increased by one year in each of three categories for the 1995-96 year. Teachers with a bachelor of science degree will receive credit for up to 16 years; teachers with Masters will receive credit for 18 years, and those with advanced certificates will receive credit for 19 years.

Dean said increasing the maximum experience will help teachers at the top end of the pay scale. Of the district's 115 teachers, 78 are at the top, he said.

Other changes in the new contract include in-

creasing the board-paid portion of insurance, from \$150 monthly now to \$160 in 1994-95 and \$170 in 1995-96.

Also, new employees will be given a maximum of five years' credit when they enter the district. Under the current contract, they received credit for the number of years they had taught.

In other business, Dean presented a student policy dealing with handicaps not covered by special education laws. The policy, which will be voted on next month, sets up a team effort to identify and refer students who may need special help.

In other action, the board rehired Gloria Jahn as high school Spanish teacher and John Mockaitis, high school guidance counselor. Both are going on tenure.

Also rehired were Julie Toncray and Kevin Wojtas, high school math; Suzanne Sneed, junior high English, high school French; Carol Selby, speech therapy; and Toni Ezell, learning disabilities.

## Annual WHPO Business Expo at civic center this weekend

Puckering pigs, prizes and people will fill the McFerren Park Civic Center this weekend for the ninth annual WHPO Business Expo.

The event opens at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and will go until 4 p.m. On Sunday, the expo is open from noon to 4 p.m.

This year's expo promises to be exciting, according to Rich Stipp, WHPO general manager. Entertainment will include music groups from Hoopeston Area schools, the Milford Community Band, and a floral demonstration by Molly Cul-

bert, owner of Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert. The Harvest City Boys will perform Sunday afternoon.

Two new entertainers are scheduled this year, Stipp said.

The Side Kickers of Danville will present a country dance demonstration at 2 p.m. Saturday. At 3 p.m., Dave Dunleavy of Kankakee will present his karaoke show.

Stipp said Dunleavy was one of 100 top karaoke See "EXPO" on other side

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Saturday, March 19

10 a.m. - Show Opens

11 a.m. - Hoopeston Area Elementary Band  
11:30 a.m. - HA Elementary Chorus  
Noon - Milford Community Band  
1 p.m. - Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert  
2 p.m. - Side Kickers Country Dance Demonstration  
3 p.m. - Dave Dunleavy Karaoke  
4 p.m. - Show Closes

Sunday, March 20

Noon - Show Opens

1 p.m. - Hoopeston Area Junior High Jazz Band  
1:20 p.m. - HA Senior High Jazz Band II  
1:40 p.m. - HA Jazz Band I  
2 p.m. - HA Junior High Show Choir  
2:30 p.m. - HA Senior High Show Choir  
3 p.m. - Harvest City Boys  
4 p.m. - Show Closes

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## Expo continued from other side

acts at a recent competition in Nashville. "He's quite good," he said.

Expo goers will also find a wide variety of businesses displaying their wares at the expo. Forty five businesses will participate, offering everything from dolls to doughnuts, cars to carpet cleaning.

An unusual booth which debuted last year will make a return appearance. Don Wolfe, owner of Wolfe Funeral Homes, will again display a casket. "That was probably the most talked-about booth last year," Stipp said.

The expo started as a way to promote local businesses, Stipp said. "It started out years ago as the

## Shamrock sale aids MDA

Over \$200 was raised in a recent shamrock sale for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Employees at Howard Industries purchased \$204 worth of green and gold shamrocks, said Vickie Gaddis, local MDA coordinator. An additional \$57 was raised from Hoopeston businesses, she said.

Money from the shamrocks - \$1 for a green shamrock and \$5 for a gold one, was turned over to the Champaign district MDA office, Gaddis said.

MDA will combine the contribution with others received to help pay for wheelchairs for MDA patients, send a child to summer camp, or help defray travel expenses from doctors' trips, Gaddis said.

Gaddis was assisted by four "leprechauns" from Howard Industries. They were Genice Allen, Barb Gossar, Lori Montgomery and Margaret Bird.

## Police News

Lloyd Blackwell, 853 E. McCracken, reported to police that someone threw rocks at his 1990 Silverado. The incident occurred at 8:03 p.m. Tuesday.

North Vermilion Business Expo, and in about 1990, we changed the name to the WHPO Business Expo," he said.

While some businesses use the event as a "thank you" to customers, all use the opportunity to get their names out before thousands of people.

Official numbers of visitors are not kept, but Stipp estimates between 5,000 and 7,000 people attended last year.

Even in slow economic times, the expo is well-attended. "Even in down economic years, like 1991 and 1992, the crowd was very large," Stipp said.

The people who attend the event are what bring many of the exhibitors back year after year.

"The comments I hear from people who are not Hoopestonites is that they can't say enough kind words about the people who come in and walk around," Stipp said.

In the early years of the expo, Stipp said he used to hope for less-than-ideal weather, because good weather kept people home working in their gardens.

However, as the years have passed, Stipp said he's learned that, no matter what, people will come. "People can come out and walk around for an hour, then go home and work in their yard," he said. "It's an opportunity to get out of the house the first weekend of spring."

## In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
March 16, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Joann Dolbee, Rossville.

## Weather

Partly sunny and windy today. High in the mid to upper 50s. Winds 15 to 20 m.p.h. Tonight, clear. Low in the low to mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 56, low near 36. Sunday, scattered showers. High near 65, low near 45.

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