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Hoopeston Area taxpayers to see little change in tax rate

Hoopeston Area taxpayers will see little change in their tax bills for the school district.

The Hoopeston school board Thursday night approved a \$2,115,000 tax levy for 1998 taxes. Although the levy is up \$101,000 from last year, the district will probably only receive an additional \$49,000, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

What that will mean to taxpayers will not be decided until the district receives equalized assessed valuation (EAV) figures in March, Conolly said.

In a best-case scenario, the tax rate will remain at \$3.47 per \$100 EAV. A worst-case scenario would see the tax rate increase by two cents, to \$3.49. However, Conolly is predicting a one-cent increase. "It's still the

lowest tax rate...in a six-county area," he said.

In other action, the board:

□looked over school report cards and state IGAP testing scores.

Results showed only 38 percent of tenth graders met or exceeded writing standards; however, Conolly said other Vermilion County schools showed the same results. "We don't know if it's an aberration in the test or what," Conolly said.

School report cards will be sent home with parents during parent-teacher conferences on Oct. 22-23.

□hired Robert Franklin as a custodian at Honeywell Grade School and named Brian Hodge middle school yearbook sponsor.

McFerren Park to host Hoopeston Chamber's Winter Festival

The sights and sounds of Christmas will be featured during the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce's Winter Festival on Nov. 21.

This year's festival will be held in the McFerren Park Civic Center, said organizer Robin Lawson. "With the weather as weird as it's been, we thought having it indoors would be better," she said. "In November it could be 40 degrees and raining."

Using the park will provide not only shelter from the weather, but electricity for entertainment and food and plenty of parking. "It'll eliminate all of our problems," Lawson said.

The Winter Festival will feature a flea market and crafters, as well as booths by local businesses. Disney memorabilia and kids toys are two booths already slated for the flea market, Lawson said.

It would not be much of a festival without food and entertainment, and Lawson has included plenty of both.

The Chestnut Street Church of Christ will have a food stand featuring chili, hot dogs, chili dogs and homemade pies.

Featured entertainment this year will include performances by students in Kathleen Margevich's Center for the Performing Arts and vocals by students of Carol Kloska, Lawson said.

Additionally, an inflatable castle will be on hand for youngsters to jump and romp through and elves will host children's games.

Activities are set to begin at 3 p.m. Santa will arrive by horse drawn carriage during the annual parade at 4 p.m., followed by entertainment beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Keeping with Christmas tradition, luminaries will be placed throughout the park. "I think it's going to be very pretty," Lawson said.

The event will also culminate this year's Great Car

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TUESDAY: Sub/bun, tator tots, peas, orange, graham cracker, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, oleo, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, slaw, peaches, milk. FRIDAY: No school.

Hoopeston Area middle/high school

MONDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce or chicken patty/bun, corn, cheese, salad, bread, oleo, pears, milk.

Lunch Menus

TUESDAY: Sub/bun or fish/bun, tator tots, peas, orange, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & noodles or BBQ/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, oleo, applesauce,

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun or Z rib/bun, fries, baked beans, slaw, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

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THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, cherry crisp, bread, butter, milk.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich, baked beans, Jello/fruit, cookie,

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Fire pictures sought

Roger Beaty of Hoopeston is looking for pictures of the 1993 Masonic Lodge fire. Anyone with pictures or pictures which may be copied is asked to call (217) 283-7872 after 4 p.m.

Boil order issued

The Hoopeston water department has issued a boil

Police News



Viola Martinez, 204 E. Young, reported Wednesday that someone scratched her 1996 Dodge while it was parked at Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson.

Summer M. Handy, 17, of 408 E. Washington, was arrested at 11:24 p.m. Wednesday, charged with theft, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and no valid driver's license.

Handy was arrested on a complaint from Jamie Johnson of Hillcrest Apts., Rossville, who told police Handy took an unspecified amount of money.

Handy was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Festival continued from other side

Give Away, sponsored by the Chamber. The cars offered in the give away will be on display during the Winter Festival, Lawson said.

Any group interested in participating in this year's parade should contact Lawson at 283-7214.

order effective immediately in the area of the 800 and 900 blocks of East Young, 600-900 blocks of East McCracken and 400 block of North Seventh St.

It is effective for those services only, until further notice.

Obituaries

JOHNSON - Harold K. Johnson, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1998, at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Oct. 14

Admitted: Juanita Perkins, Earl Gaffney, Hoopeston. Discharged: Ruby Summers, Judy Custer.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, fair. Low 57. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 75, low 53. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 60, low 47.

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