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## Hoopeston Area budget finishes ahead of projections

A worst-case scenario budget for the Hoopeston Area school district did not materialize this year.

Less-than-anticipated expenses and higher revenues left the district with more cash on hand than expected, said Superintendent Mark Conolly at Thursday's school board meeting.

June 30 figures show the district had \$1.097 million more on hand than budgeted, Conolly said.

The district dipped into reserves, spending \$7.56 million. The total was less than the \$7.77 million projected, however.

"We're very happy with what we ended up with," Conolly said. "We came out in good shape."

In unrelated business, the board saw an aerial layout of the planned soccer/practice fields east of the school.

A soccer field, as long as a football field but wider, will be created first. "The (building) committee felt the priority at this time for the land is a soccer field," Conolly said.

Water lines are expected to be run to the soccer field area next week, followed by tiling the area. Land for the soccer field and adjacent parking has been graded and is "tabletop smooth," Conolly said.

In other action, the board accepted resignations from Robert Franklin, Honeywell custodian and Marcia Toalson, middle school language arts teacher; and hired Kristine Roark, elementary learning disability teacher; Sandra Sorenson, elementary behavioral disorder teacher; Ryan Goodner, computer technician; and Carla Samet, middle school personal aide.

## Briefly

### Correction

Travis Dean's name was inadvertently omitted from Lions Club Little League Majors information in Thursday's edition. Just the Facts regrets the error.

### Sports physicals

Hoopeston Area sports physicals will be given beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center. This is a change from the usual location.

The physicals are for students in grades 7-12 who are interested in participating in athletics during the 2000-01 year.

Cost is \$10 per student.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Hoopeston Church of God, First Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church will be held from 6:30-8:45 p.m. July

24-28.

Classes are available for all ages from preschool through adult.

For more information, call Pat, 283-6288; Church of God, 283-9330; or United Methodist Church, 283-6738.

### Final soccer signup

LAST Sign up for Hoopeston Youth Soccer for boys and girls ages 4 to 14 (not in high school) will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 30 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. Cost is \$45 for first child; \$35 for each additional child in family.

Signups will only be accepted until teams are full so it is important to register as soon as possible. Those who wish to register before July 30 may stop by 805 E. Main to do so.

Those with questions may call Kathy Franklin, 283-9540 or Hank Hornbeck 283-6391.

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## Police News

A set of keys was found Wednesday at the Little League field. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

A 49-year-old woman reported Thursday that someone cut a tire on her 1996 Oldsmobile while it was parked in the 400 block of East Main.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at

9:03 a.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police said James Shipman of Hoopeston, in a 1983 Ford Bronco, backed onto Main St. when his view was blocked by a Suburban parked next to him. He collided with a 1997 Dodge Intrepid driven by Brenda Voyles of Wellington, who was eastbound. Voyles told police she did not see Shipman backing up.

## Medicare benefit saves money for those with limited income

By KEITH STRINMOEN  
 Social Security Manager, Danville

Are you struggling to pay your bills? If so, then you may be one of millions of people who can save \$546 or more a year in Medicare expenses.

There are programs that put \$546 back in your pocket each year and may also help pay Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. In fact, each year possibly more than half of the people who get this benefit never even apply.

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### Social Security And You



but less than \$1,238 for an individual or \$1,661 for a couple, you should continue. You may be eligible for limited help.)

- Are you an individual with savings of \$4,000 or less or a couple with savings of \$6,000 or less?

When you are figuring out your savings, include things like money in a checking or savings account and stocks and bonds. Do not include your home, car, furniture, burial plots, up to \$1,500 in burial expenses or up to \$1,500 worth of life insurance.

If you think you might be eligible for this benefit, you should go to your local Department of Social Services. Their phone number is in the blue government section of your local phone book or call (800) MEDICARE (633-4227). When you call, ask about the Medicare Savings for Qualified Beneficiaries program.

## In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
 July 19

Admitted: Lyle Buss, Hoopeston.  
 Discharged: none

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 58. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow and Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs near 80, lows near 60.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The Village of Rossville is now accepting applications, with resume, for full time and part time police officers. Completion of PTI or Part Time Academy preferred. Applications will be accepted at the Municipal Office through August 7th. 199-210

Reliable, dependable, honest, good driver person to deliver Chicago Tribunes Saturday night. Out of Hoopeston area. Approximately 8 hours. Pay \$90.00. Call (217) 283-5093. 199-203

### PETS

Free to good home: kittens. Had first shots, vet checked. Leave name and number at (217) 283-5517.

### PROPERTY FOR SALE

Building lot for sale. \$4,000. Sixth and Wyman, across from ball park. Call Chrissy at (217) 283-5945. 199-203

### RUMMAGE SALES

Yard sale, tool shed south of Rossville on Rt. 1, Friday 8 to ? Lots of clothes (4-16); books; bedding; miscellaneous; and LOFT frame and mattress (for dorm room). Look for signs!

4 family sale, corner of Rt. 1 & 9 behind Iron House Gym. Saturday, July 22, 8-11 a.m. Kids & adult clothes, computer, software, microwave, TVs, toys, knickknacks, 1983 Chevy pickup. This is a huge sale!

Neighborhood Sale at 401 E. Wyman and 417 E. Wyman. A little bit of everything at these sales. Saturday, July 22. 8-?

846 E. Penn, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-noon. Girls infant-3T clothes, men's & women's junior and up, miscellaneous items.

420 E. Main, Hoopeston, in alley. Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m.-noon. Everything Must Go Sale!! Ask real nice, we'll lower the price. See ya Saturday.

East Penn, Hoopeston (next to meat locker). Saturday, July 22, 8-? 3 family sale. Brand name children's clothing, car seat, toddler bed, "big" toys, dishes and much more.

711 E. Elm, Hoopeston. Huge sale. July 21,22, 8-? Lots of things for everyone too numerous to mention.

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