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HA board changes citizen participation policy at meetings

A request from a candidate running for office has prompted a change in Hoopeston Area's citizen participation policy for meetings.

The school board on Thursday unanimously approved the policy change. The existing policy mandated five days' notice for a resident to be put on the agenda; allowed a citizen to speak if he requested it before the meeting; and allowed the board to limit the number of citizens and the amount of time each might speak.

The change allows the board president to deny a person the right to speak if the topic is deemed inappropriate and allows the president to determine procedural

matters on participation not defined in the board policy.

Board president Larry Lobb said "I'm not trying to censor anybody." Board meetings are "not a forum for everybody to come and rant and rave about whatever." The change will not affect those who regularly attend meetings and wish to learn more about board issues.

District resident Mark Wagoner took exception to the change. "We pay the wages of the school district and I think we should have a say," he said.

Lobb responded that the board did not follow the previous policy to the letter and expected to do the same with the new one.

"If you're not going to follow it, why have it," Wagoner asked. "I just disagree with it."

In unrelated action, the board canvassed Tuesday's election in which four board members ran unopposed. Those members and their vote totals were: Lobb, 1,477, Duane Sheppard, 1,517, John Smiley 1,334, and Jeff Stipp 1,415.

The board also increased bus and room rental fees. Bus fees will be \$2 per mile plus \$20 per hour for a driver and \$80 for school rental and \$140 for the middle school gym, high school auditorium and kitchen/cafeteria.

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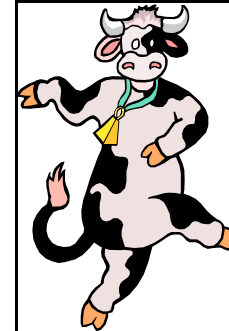
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Briefly

Tiny Tots

“Terrific Threes” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room.

The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are ac-

Police News



An employee of Casey’s General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported Wednesday that someone left without paying for \$5 of gas. The person was driving a white Ford truck with a ladder rack on top.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 9 a.m. Thursday at 706 N. Market. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1998 Ford owned by Bernice M. Henson of Rankin.

Shannon N. Thompson, 22, of 1412 Hobson Rd., Apt. H, Rantoul, was arrested at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at city hall. Thompson was wanted on a failure to appear rule to show cause warrant.

She was released on \$43 cash bond.



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 undercover?*
Happy Big 50
 April 8
Mike B

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Bob Ault

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Easter Egg hunt

The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor their annual Easter Egg hunt at 9 a.m. Saturday at McFerren Park. The hunt will be held rain or shine.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

April 4

Admitted: Helen Kelley, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Harry Quinn.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 78, low 60. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 72, low 56. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 75, low 57.

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