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Deficit budget considered by Hoopeston Area school board

The Hoopeston Area school district is preparing to pass another "worst case scenario" budget.

Preliminary budget figures project an approximate \$1 million shortfall, said district financial manager Don Dean at Thursday's school board meeting. The 2001-02 budget shows revenue of \$8,865,259 and expenses of \$9,926,873.

As in previous years, Dean's budget reflects higher than expected expenses and lower than expected income. "It shows a lot bigger deficit than what I think we'll have," he said.

Last year's budget came in with a two percent deficit. Income from state aid will be less than anticipated. The first state aid check received by the district was \$40,000 less than planned. Also, property values are down, creating less property tax income, and about \$60,000 the district would have received in property tax will now go into Hoopeston's tax increment financing (TIF) account, Dean said. "People are going to pay it but it's not going to be where we can do anything about it," he said.

Hoopeston Area is also receiving less income on investments. Rates on certificates of deposit "are almost in the basement," he said.

Increased expenses include natural gas, expected to increase about 20 percent this winter, and fuel costs for transportation, Dean said.

A public hearing will be held on the budget at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20.

In unrelated business, the board completed staffing for the new year. Tasha Easton was hired as middle school math teacher; Brenda Herman as ECSE aide; Becky Jones as study hall clerk and Ginger Samet as seventh grade girls basketball.

Resignations were accepted from Suzi Root, middle school volleyball coach and Janet Sutton, study hall clerk.

Other employees previously hired for the new school year include Sara Troxel, TMH at Maple; Bryan Schroeder, middle school science and Kristi Barr, middle school personal aide; Pam Goble, high school cafeteria and Jim Wisdom, high school bus driver.

Transfers for the new year include Cheryl Stephen from John Greer CARE to Maple kindergarten; Patty Martin from ECSE aide to ECSE teacher; Mike Penicook from middle school science teacher to high school dean of students and Scott Watson from high school dean of students to middle school dean of students.

Police News

Police are investigating four reports of damaged vehicles made Wednesday and Thursday.

- A 19-year-old man reported Wednesday that someone shattered a window on his 1992 Chevrolet while it was parked in the 600 block of West Orange.
- A 30-year-old man reported Wednesday that someone scratched his 1987 Chevrolet while it was parked in the 600 block of West Orange.
- A 41-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Wednesday

that someone broke the windshield of her 1991 Chevrolet parked in the 400 block of North Market.

- A woman reported her son parked his truck Wednesday night in the 700 block of East Penn and on Thursday morning found a small cut in the side wall of the back right tire which caused it to go flat.

A boy's 20 inch red and blue bicycle was found Thursday in the 700 block of West Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

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Tuesday, August 21 - 5:00-7:00 pm

Homemade Ice Cream, Pie, Cake

Hot Chicken and BBQ Sandwiches

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Here's what's on this week's

Action Auction on WHPO

- Auto detailing from Limbach Auto Detail, Hoopeston
- 5 massage pack from Hands On Massage, Hoopeston
- \$50 certificate from My Little Angel, Rantoul
- Socket set from Lithgow Automotive, Hoopeston
- Framed picture from Bray's General Store, Rossville
- Concert tickets at the Duquoin State Fair
- Pair of diamond stud earrings from Unger's Jewelry, Hoopeston
- 1 month membership to Ironhouse Fitness Center, Hoopeston
- Fishing accessories and bait from The Bait House, Watseka



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Teachers Institute

TUESDAY: Early dismissal.

WEDNESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pudding, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, pretzel, cheese sauce, corn, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter/jelly, chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots, pears.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Teachers institute.

TUESDAY: Early dismissal.

WEDNESDAY: Pepperoni pizza or hot dog/bun, salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chicken quesadillas or hamburger/bun, salad, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese or tuna salad/bun, potato chips, pudding, pears. No salad.

All meals include milk.

Benefit set for Wellington couple who lost home in fire

WELLINGTON—Some residents are banding together to help some neighbors.

Carol and Ray "Puff" Puffenbarger lost their home and possessions in a recent fire. Friends, neighbors and residents will host a pork chop dinner to raise money for the couple.

The event will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 at the Wellington Park Shelter. The dinner will include pork chops from the Pork Producers, baked po-

tato, baked beans, applesauce, drinks and cake or pie for \$6.50. Meals for children under five are free.

An optional meal for kids includes hot dog, chips and drink for \$1.50. A 50/50 drawing is also planned.

Tickets for the dinner are on sale now, available by calling (815) 984-3111 or 984-4145.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 15

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Donald Gay.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 59. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 80, low 60. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 80, low 60.

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

Obituaries

GARNER—Nerva M. "Grandma" Garner, 91, of Paxton, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001 at Heartland Health Care Center, Paxton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Health Care Center, 1001 Pells, Paxton, IL 60957.

LORRAINE

Screen 1: "The Princess Diaries" (G)

Starring Julie Andrews

Flat, 115 min., presented in Sony Dynamic Digital Sound

7 p.m. nightly, 1:45 & 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

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RUMMAGE SALES

405 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. Friday & Saturday, Aug. 17, 18. Household & misc.

505 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. Saturday, Aug. 18, 8-? Misc. clothing, new 1996 McDonald's toys.

939 E. Elm, Hoopeston. Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 18, 19, 8-3. Misc. items, tools

713 Trego Dr., Hoopeston. Friday & Saturday, Aug. 17, 18, 8-3. Clothing, late styles, excellent condition plus household.

823 W. Penn, Hoopeston. Saturday, 7-? Clothes, bikes, lots of stuff.

419 E. Penn, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-3. Lots of clothes, jewelry, some furniture, etc.

4 miles west on Rt. 9. Friday & Saturday, 7-? Computer desk, exercise equipment, tv stand, kitchen items & much more.

Inside sale. 426 E. Honeywell. Sat., Aug. 18, 8-noon. Many more new & used items.

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