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Hoopeston Area board approves 10 percent tax levy hike

If the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of the Hoopeston Area school district increases significantly, the school board is ready.

The board on Thursday approved a 10 percent increase in the tax levy, to \$2,659,961.

An increased levy does not mean property owners will see higher tax bills, said Superintendent Mark Conolly. The tax rate will remain close to last year's rate, \$3.62 per \$100.

The increase will help the district if the EAV increases more than five percent. By law, the district automatically receives increases up to five percent but must post a notice and hold a public hearing if they intend the levy to be higher than five percent.

Conolly said it is unlikely the EAV will increase

over five percent - or even be close to it. The increase between 2000 and 2001 was only two percent.

While the board must approve the tax levy now, the amount of the actual levy will not be determined until March or April 2003 when the actual EAV is known, Conolly said.

In unrelated action, the board:

- approved the library per capita grant application, which could bring in as much as \$1,100 for new library books.
- approved the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for another year.
- approved Troy Hatton's resignation as high school physical education teacher. Hatton accepted a position at the University of Illinois.

Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Nov. 18, William and Judy Putnam; Nov. 19, Ag Partners Seed Service, Inc.; Nov. 20, Jeff and Betsy Stumph, Williamsport, Ind.; Nov. 21, Ravens Kids; Nov. 22, Irma Norris.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m.; men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Teen Reach activities include: Monday, Prairie Center

- Jill Feller, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Life Sharing, 4 p.m.; Wednesday, arts & crafts for Thanksgiving; Thursday, origami; Friday, Character Building, Ginger Garner, 4 p.m.

Miracle Tree screening

Screening for Food Cupboard Christmas baskets, Toys for Kids and Miracle tree will be held Nov. 13-Dec. 6 at the Grant Township office, 525 S. Market Signup will be 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each day. Proof of address, in-effect LINK card, proof and income and Social Security cards for all household members will be required.

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.




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Police News



A **small**, old-fashioned pocketknife was found Thursday on the steps of the Hoopeston Public Library. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **10-year-old** youth reported Friday that a 24: Mon-goose bicycle was taken from the 200 block of East Thompson.

Two 17-year-old men were charged with purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor at 11:32 p.m. Friday.

Rafael Resendez of 709 S. Third St. and Timothy A. Johnson of 323 S. Fifth St., were arrested after a traffic stop in the 300 block of East Penn in which police said beer was found in the vehicle.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

Jeremiah J. Gocken, no age listed, of 2050 E 1150 North Rd., Milford, was arrested at 12:04 a.m. Saturday at Main Street Inn, 306 E. Main.

Gocken, wanted on an Iroquois County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$100 cash bond.



Letter to the Editor



About prevailing wage

Editor:

I would like to respond to the article about our hospital and prevailing wage.

The hospital group has built, in recent years, a retirement center and a medical center. I can't believe the hospital board did not know of prevailing wage because of contractors on the board.

This money is Illinois First money which is pre-

vailing wage money. This money is meant to help locals, not those from out of state.

It was said in the article that the unions were wanting the work. It would be nice but the prevailing wage is to be paid union or nonunion. The scale depends on the trade: carpenter, laborer, finisher, operator, pipe fitter. This would mean that for that \$100,000, they would have to account for the money and wages.

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1. Caddy Shack Bar & Grill	21	9
2. BJ's Pump	19	11
3. Weber Drugs	19	11
4. Yaden-Rethelford	17	13
5. Royal "B's"	17	13
6. Family Circus	16	14
7. Main Street Travel	15	15
8. Beerdrinkers	15	15
9. R&R Body Shop	14	16
10. Rut-Roh	14	16
11. Easy Sliders	14	16

12. Tater's Bar & Grill	13	17
13. Gillins Oil	12	18
14. Bye	4	26

High Team Handicap Game: Yaden-Rethelford 1,056, Caddy Shack Bar & Grill 1,046, R&R Body Shop 1,036;
High Team Handicap Series: Yaden-Rethelford 3,041, R&R Body Shop 3,009, BJ's Pump, 2,979; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Patti Lowe 224, Terri Bell 200, Glenda Reed 200; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Patti Lowe 643, Glenda Reed 545, Patty Cappellano 534.

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

The Second World War in Color by Stewart Binns
The Cat from Hue by John Laurence
New York, September 11

Weather



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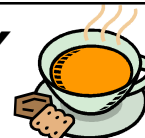
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