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HA finances good , interfund borrowing will be necessary

Hoopeston Area's financial picture is pretty right now but the district will have to borrow from its working cash fund later in the year.

At Thursday's board meeting, Superintendent Mark Conolly presented mid-year financial information to the board. Conolly said 58 percent of budged revenue has been received, with expenses at 50 percent of what was budgeted.

The education fund pays most costs of education students, including salaries and materials. Most of the money in the fund comes from state aid and is subject to change, Conolly said.

Other funds, revenue and expenses include:

Building: 97 percent of revenue, 30 percent of expenses.

Transportation: 75 percent of revenue, 50 percent of expenses.

Municipal Retirement: 91 percent of revenue, 25 percent of expenses.

Working Cash: 79 percent of revenue.

Life Safety: 95 percent of revenue, 83 percent of expenses.

The board last year approved a "worst case scenario" budget but even if things go well and Hoopeston Area receives all its expected income, it will still

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Kankakee (leave at 8 a.m.); 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 this week are: Monday, karate, ; Tuesday, coping with anger; Wednesday, team work activities; Thursday, pottery demonstration; Friday, Teen Reach open 12-4, skating 2-4.

Change in youth basketball camp

The starting date for the Hoopeston Area Youth Club Basketball Camp for all boys has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 17. The first practice will be held from 8-9 a.m. at the middle school gym. Practice

schedules will be handed out that day.

Christian Unity service

The Hoopeston Ministerial Association will hold a Service of Christian Unity at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The service is open to everyone.

Sweetheart Banquet

The Hoopeston Area High School Drama Department and Student Council are sponsoring the 13th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. The banquet will be held in the high school gym.

Any Hoopeston Area senior citizen interested in attending is asked to cal 283-6668 and leave their names and how many will be attending in their party. Reservations must be made on or before Feb. 4.

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
 - Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city

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Police News

space and was struck by Wilson.

A 70-year-old Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone forced open the front door of his home in the 700 block of East Main and took a briefcase containing important papers and an undisclosed amount of Money.

Brian L. Edwards, 31, of 865 E. Seminary, was arrested Saturday, charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman.

The woman alleged that Edwards threw a beer bottle at her home, hitting a window. The incident occurred at 1:56 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of South First Ave.

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have to borrow from the working cash fund to meet expenses this year, Conolly said.

A 51-year-old man reported Thursday that his

A 60-year-old Hoopeston man reported Friday

No tickets or injuries were reported in an acci-

Police said Rex Wilson of Hoopeston, in a

Nokia flip phone had been stolen from the 400 block of

that someone forced his garage door open and took sev-

eral tools, tool boxes containing tools, and a stereo re-

dent at 5:11 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Main.

2003 Ford Taurus, was behind a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500

driven by Kimberly Strawser, also of Hoopeston. Straw-

ser stopped to let another vehicle back from a parking

The working cash fund has \$985,000 available to loan to the other funds, said district business manager Don Dean.

This year marks the first time the district will borrow from the working cash fund, Conolly said. "We have never touched working cash," he said. "How much we get into working cash remains to be seen."

The amount that will be borrowed will depend on how much Hoopeston Area receives in state aid payments the rest of the year, he added.

In unrelated business, the board:

approved joining the Three Rivers Conference for middle school extra-curricular activities. The change will be effective in the 2005-06 school vear.

Obituaries

POWELL - Dustin A. Powell, 25, of Hoopeston, died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2004 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

- learned a feasibility study on northern Vermilion County school districts is still underway. The study, commissioned by Rossville-Alvin, was expected to be completed by the end of February but may take longer, Conolly said.
- In a related matter, Conolly said the Rossville-Alvin board appears to be favoring tuitioning its students to other districts and keeping its district in tact.

He reiterated that Hoopeston Area continues to be open to talk with Rossville-Alvin about a possible reorganization. "We're always open to discussion," he said. "We wish them well. We know it's a difficult decision for them."

heard from Conolly about Gov. Rod Blagojevich's State of the State message last week in which Blagojevich's call to do away with the state board of education and state school superintendent's offices and make a new department of education. The change is expected to save \$1 billion over four years.

Whether it will remains unclear but Conolly

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 18. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 5. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 21, low 14.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Jason A. Cox. 19, of 25 Tennessee Ave., Danville, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 2:01 p.m. Saturday.

Police said Cox, in a 1996 dodge, was southbound on Market when he hit a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Shawn Sullivan of Hoopeston. Sullivan was turned into an alley at the time of the accident.

A 52-year-old Hoopeston man reported Saturday that someone took several items from his garage in the 800 block of South Fifth St.

Victoriano G. Martinez, 18, of 859 E. Seminary, was charged with possession of cannabis prohibited

at 12:44 a.m. Sunday. Police said they found a quantity of cannabis on Martinez while he was in the 100 block of North Sixth St.

Martinez was released on a notice to appear.

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