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Hoopeston Area staves off projected 04-05 \$500,000 deficit

Hoopeston Area school officials smiled Thursday night after learning the district did not have a projected half million dollar deficit.

The financial year ended June 30 with the district a total of \$92,000 in the black in all funds combined and with a \$195,000 deficit in the education fund, said Superintendent Mark Conolly at Thursday night's board meeting.

The deficit would have been \$100,000 less but officials made early payments into the teachers' pension program for some educators who retired this year, he said.

"We came very, very, very close to a balanced budget," Conolly said of the real \$95,000 deficit, representing about one percent of the \$9 million total budget. "We're very happy about that."

Education fund expenses all came in under 100 percent while revenues exceeded projections. Officials had feared they would have to dip into Working Cash fund reserves but did not have to do so. "We're very pleased about where we ended up this year, considering where we were last year," Conolly told the board.

The board approved the possible use of Working Cash funds next year, if needed, because the issue must be approved before the money is needed. "This is less likely now than ever but I would feel more comfortable if we did this, Conolly told the board. "We've never had to dip into it and I hope we never do."

The Working Cash fund is not expected to be needed next year because of the 90 cent tax referendum ap-

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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: July 25, Linda Laird (donated back); July 26, Lori Eells; July 27, Marguerite McCormick; July 28, Dean W. Walter; July 29, NAPA Auto Parts.

Lunchtime opera

Hoopeston Public Library will have a special program for opera lovers from 12-1 p.m. Monday.

Opera singers from Sugar Creek Symphony and

Song will perform a lunchtime concert at the library. Kristine McIntyre, stage director, will speak on the opera production. Shon Sims, playing Dandini, will sing his Act I aria. Matthew Lau, playing Don Magnifico, will sing the Act II duet with Sims. Emily Jarrell will accompany the singers.

Raffle

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball is raffling four Chicago White Sox tickets donated by Bob & Emily Brown for the Aug. 21 game versus the New York Yankees.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at games Monday July 25 and Tuesday July 26 at the HAYB concession stand or during the day at the Harris Insurance Agency, 221 N. Market St.

Drawing will be held Wednesday night at the HAYB Vermilion Iron Fields.

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Police News



A **purple Shimanu** Sport Roadmaster bike was found Thursday at North Sixth Ave. and West Young. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **34-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that a window was broken in her 1999 Pontiac while it was parked at the Vermilion Iron Little League Field.

Two people were arrested after an altercation at 5:56 p.m. Thursday at 222 East Thompson.

Tammy J. Reyes, 33 and Jason R. Reyes, 17, both of that address were charged with keeping or maintaining a disorderly house prohibited and purchase or acceptance of gift of alcohol by persons under 21.

Each was released on notices to appear.

Three people were arrested after a traffic stop at 2:56 a.m. Friday at Sixth Ave. and Main.

James M. Drollinger, 19, of 716 E. Elm, was issued a notice to appear for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver.

Two passengers, Zachary R. McKenzie, 18, of 624 E. McCracken and Travis G. Taylor, 19, of 502½ W. Elm, were charged with illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger. They were also released on notices to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of West Lincoln.

Police said Larry Longfellow of Hoopeston,

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proved by voters last November. Officials had anticipated the tax would generate \$600,000 but due to extensions in property tax exemptions for senior citizens and owner-occupied, the increase will be about \$400,000.

In unrelated action, the board approved a \$155,991 bid from Advanced Roofing and Sheet Metal of Champaign-Urbana. The price includes extra felt backing and extra gutters for the west end of the middle school.

In unrelated business, the board approved resignations from Carl Ankenbrand as assistant high school wrestling coach and Amy Dix, middle/high school choral accompanist and a leave of absence for Rich Stipp, high school cross country coach.

The board also approved hiring Korinne Hollis, high school language arts and French; Carrie Vallero, high

backed a 1990 Dodge truck from a driveway at 602 W. Lincoln into a parked 1998 Chevrolet owned by Jennifer Shoufler, also of Hoopeston. Longfellow was at fault for improper backing.

Two men were arrested after a traffic stop at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Third St. and East Seminary after citizens reported the two were allegedly throwing beer bottles out of a vehicle in the 400 block of West Penn.

Joshua A.C. Watson, 20, of 715 S. Fifth St., was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal possession of alcohol (driver) and Joseph A. Musk, 21, of 721 E. Chestnut was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol (passenger)

Both were released on notices to appear.

Anthony J. Chandler, 23, of 514 E. Main was arrested at 12:51 a.m. Saturday in the 100 block of North Market.Chandler, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.


Robert T. Wickenhauser, 40, of Paxton, was arrested Saturday. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 44-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Wickenhauser pushed and shoved him on July 5 in the 500 block of East Honeywell.

He was released on a notice to appear.

A **47-year-old** man reported Sunday that, after a disturbance at his residence in the 400 block of East

school computer science/applications; Tina Cox and Amy Rieches, Honeywell personal aides; Ginger Gonzalez, Honeywell lunch aide; Melissa Myers and Kelly Wallace, Maple part time personal aides; and Julie Prince, transferred from Honeywell lunch aide to Maple, part time personal aide.

Weather



Excessive heat warning in effect until 7 p.m. tonight. Partly cloudy, high 96 with heat index near 110. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 75. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 90, low 67.

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