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## Hoopeston Area board plans for \$3.092 million tax levy

The Hoopeston Area Board of Education is planning on the same tax levy they approved last year - but are not planning on receiving it all.

The \$3,092,000 levy is the same as the one approved last year which netted \$2,842,282 in extended property taxes, said Superintendent Mark Conolly at Thursday night's board meeting.

Each year, the board approves a "blind levy" because the district's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) is not known until spring, he said. And, each year the board approves a levy they do not expect to get...just in case.

Conolly explained that districts may request up to a five percent increase without holding a public hearing. Anything over five percent requires the board to hold a public hearing on the levy.

If a district requests only five percent and the EAV

increases by more than five percent, the district will not get the percentage over five. "If the EAV goes up 10, 15, 20 percent, you don't get a nickel more than five percent if you don't have a hearing," he said..

Hoopeston Area is basing the levy on a 10.5 percent increase in EAV. "It's not going to happen," Conolly said, "but in this day and age where every government body is scrambling for money, we think it's better to estimate higher and have the hearing. If we don't get it, all we're out is the cost of an ad and the hearing."

Conolly told the board that Vermilion County added a 3.5 percent multiplier to the EAV but farmland value is expected to drop "so it could be a wash."

The board is expected to approve the levy at its Dec. 15 meeting.

See HA on other side

## Lack of vaccine prompts change in local flu shot clinic

Vermilion County Health Department has not received its next shipment of influenza vaccine, forcing health officials to temporarily suspend its clinic schedule.

Public Health Administrator Steve Laker said the shipment will probably not arrive before this next week. "We have given nearly 1,900 flu shots to high risk individuals during three days this week," Laker said. "We were scheduled to continue flu shots for high risk individuals through Monday (Oct. 24) and then open to the general population at clinics in Hoopeston and Westville."

Laker said with no additional vaccine at this time, clinics scheduled for Hoopeston on Tuesday and for Westville on Thursday will be delayed.

If additional vaccine arrives as expected, Hoopeston's flu clinic will be held instead on form 9 a.m.-1

p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the Methodist Church, 403 E. Main.

Westville's clinic will be noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Church of Christ, 311 Moses Avenue.

If there is sufficient flu vaccine, clinics for the public in Danville will be held at the health department on Mondays, November 7 and 14 from 9 am to 6 pm.

Anyone interested in more information about the flu clinics is encouraged to call the health department at (217) 431-2662, visit the health department's website at [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org), and monitor local media for news reports of changes in the health department's schedule.

Additional flu clinics will be scheduled as vaccine is available.

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## HA continued from other side

In unrelated discussion, the board reviewed six-day enrollment figures for all Vermilion County schools.

Last month, Conolly told the board that Hoopeston Area lost 60 students from last year's six-day enrollment total. However, since then, 25 students have entered the district, including a kindergarten student from Texas, whose family relocated after Hurricane Rita.

Countywide, public and private schools lost a total of 501 students, with Danville losing the most with 231. Rossville lost 133 students when the district deactivated its high school, sending students to Hoopeston Area and Bismarck.

On the plus side, Bismarck-Henning was the big winner with a gain of 120 students, followed by Oakwood

with 48 new youngsters.

In unrelated action, the board:

- learned the district had a clean audit with no suggested changes in bookkeeping.
- heard from Conolly about the annual fire drill with the Hoopeston Fire Department. All buildings were cleared in times well under the allotted time, he said.
- discussed the district report cards, issued by the Illinois State Board of Education for each school. Last month, the board discussed each school's annual test scores. That information is included in the report cards, along with demographics information on students.
- saw newsletters from Honeywell and John Greer to let students and parents know what is going on at the

The event is sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees.

For an appointment, call (217) 283-7564; walk-ins are also welcome.

People are eligible if they last donated on or before Sept. 10.

## New Books at the Library



### Children's Room

#### Fiction

Prayers for children by Eloise Wilkini

Puppy Mudge wants to play by Cynthia Rylant

Russell the sheep by Rob Scotton

Season of the sandstorms by Mary Pope Osborne

## New Arrivals



Former resident Chris McCay and his wife Valerie, of Edgewater, Fla., welcomed daughter Olivia McCay into the world at 2:32 a.m. Oct 12, 2005.

Paternal grandparents are Rick and Pat McCay also of Edgewater.

## Weather



Chance of rain today. High 47. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 52, low 34.

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

schools.

● learned fifth and sixth graders who have behaved well will attend skating parties this week.

● heard from Maple School Principal Lori Eells that 32 student athletes read to first and second graders as the kick-off to the Book-It program.

● was reminded the November meeting will be held a week early, on Nov. 10.

● named Korinne Hollis National Honor Society sponsor

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## Briefly

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Oct. 24, Jeff Sipes; Oct. 25, Mary Lockhart; Oct. 26, Maurice Metz; Oct. 27, Jamie Hartman; Oct. 28, Klaber Auction Services.

### Blood drive

A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

## Police News



A **39-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Thursday that someone damaged three tires on a motor home and one tire on a trailer parked in the 500 block of West Washington.

## Obituaries

**MOORE** - Patricia A. "Sis" Moore, 72, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 at The Waters of Covington nursing home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.