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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Dogs" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Birthday open house

An open house honoring the 80th birthday of June Baird of Rossville will be held from 1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Rossville Village Office community room, 120 E. Attica. Please, no gifts, but cards are wel-

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Chicks and children

Students from the Hoopeston Area CARE program look at chickens Thursday at the annual Barnyard Day sponsored by the North East Vermilion FFA chapter. The event, held at the former Rossville-Alvin High School, displays farm equipment and animals, including a donkey, cow, pigs and horses and includes agriculture-based information and activities.

Last Days

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Wise choices must be made for schools

I would like to thank Shannon Ruh for organizing the community meeting where ideas were presented to help Hoopeston. I would also like to commend all of the committee chairs who made presentations for their hard work and dedication. Your example should inspire many to get things moving.

Thank you, too, to all who are responsible for removing old buildings and eyesores on corners around Hoopeston. It is appreciated by those of us who wouldn't know where to begin and certainly makes the town much more attractive.

It was mentioned at the meeting that one of the strengths of Hoopeston is its schools. I feel it is important for citizens to realize that District 11 is in the middle of a challenge of its own. I had the good fortune to begin working for the Hoopeston Schools over 20 years ago and have enjoyed the benefits of a dedicated, long standing staff. A majority of the faculty of the past 30 years began their careers here, bought homes, raised families, joined civic groups and churches and adopted the community as their

own. After giving the largest part of their lives to the area, they are now retiring. Change is never easy and the effects of the staff changes at the school are just beginning to be felt.

At the same time our school board and administration are facing more state and federal mandates with less funding and are looking at lower student enrollment. At first glance, it would seem to make sense not to replace retiring teachers. However, continually cutting faculty leads to cutting academic and extra curricular programs, enlarging class sizes and providing less attention to students who now, more so than ever, need individual help. Offering fewer opportunities to our children is not conducive to increasing the number of young families in the community. When new teachers are hired, it is important that the district choose quality people and offer them attractive and competitive salaries and benefits if they are to stay and maintain the stability of Hoopeston schools.

Difficult choices lie ahead. It is very important that all citizens take time to research the school issues and give

sound ideas to teachers, administrators and board members. Wise decisions must be made now. The futures of our children depend on it.

Respectfully,
Theta Lee, Teacher

In support of fireman

I just want to take a moment to voice my thoughts on the issue concerning Layton Seggebruch being "let go" from the Fire Department. It is a volunteer department and if someone is willing to dedicate their time to serve our community, who cares where they live? Layton is a local business owner and is in town most of the day, where as many other members work out of town. If my house in on fire at 9 am on a Tuesday morning, I don't care where you live if you are willing and able to come and put the fire out.

I read the article where an alderman said it is in "black

and white" I have to say nothing is really in "black and white". Lawmakers change laws everyday, just as a vote could change an ordinance. I read recently that a town has an ordinance that your bulb in your porch light cannot be over a certain wattage? And that you can be ticketed for riding a bike without a helmet? I am sure if you wanted to research it, you could find some ordinances that each of us break every day. They are made because they worked at the time they were made. This ordinance to me no longer works.

If someone is as dedicated as Layton and is willing to take his time and abilities to protect me and my family why wouldn't we want him to continue to serve our community. He obviously cares about us now we need to care and support him.

Thank you for your time,
Nikki Davis

‘Dead Serious About Life’ to be performed at R-AHS

On Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, a musical

drama performance of “Dead Serious...About Life” will be presented at Rossville-Alvin High School. Saturday’s performance begins at 6 p.m. and Sunday’s begins at 3 p.m. The musical will be performed by a group called Mishpachah, Inc., based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“Dead Serious...About Life” is a musical written to appeal to teenagers. It is upfront, blunt...it is life! The story begins at Todd and Stephanie’s house. Mom and Dad have left for the weekend, so let the party begin! During the performance, characters, their personalities, problems and vies about their lives will be displayed. “Dead Serious” tackles may issues including abortion, alcohol, drugs, religion, sex and suicide.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Tickets will be presold until Wednesday, March 1 and may be ordered by calling (800)-459-7268.



The cast of “Dead Serious About Life”

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comed and may be mailed to 107 Park Place, Rossville, IL 60953.

Neighborhood Watch

Bill Dicker of Prairie Center Health Systems will be the featured speaker at the March 6 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. He will speak about

Police News



Norman C. Wilson, 32, of 849 E. Young was arrested at 8:51 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of West Orange. He was charged with theft over \$300 in connection with a vehicle reported stolen Sunday morning. Additionally, he was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Wilson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 50, low 39. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 61, low 36.

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

methamphetamine in Hoopeston and Vermilion County.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Classifieds

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