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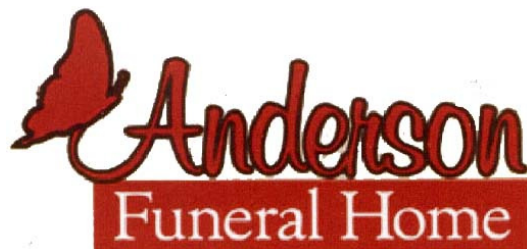
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Hank Hornbeck named Hoopeston Area superintendent

Hoopeston Area officials searched far and wide for a new superintendent and found what they were looking for right at home.

Hank Hornbeck, who has served as high/middle school principal for the past nine years, was named superintendent at the school board's regular meeting Thursday night.

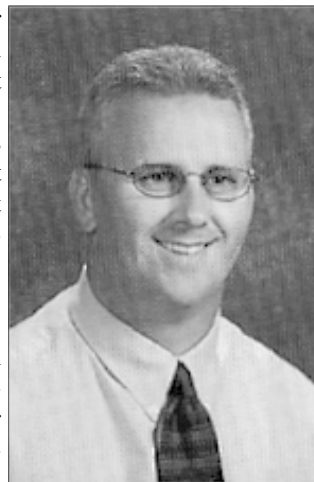
Hornbeck, 45, will start his new duties July 1.

The district hired the Illinois Association of School Boards to search for a new superintendent following the death of former Superintendent Mark Conolly last December.

Twenty candidates applied for the position through the search, including Hornbeck. Five were interviewed by the board.

The board offered Hornbeck a one-year contract for \$87,500. With benefits, including retirement and health insurance, Hornbeck's package totals about \$100,000, said acting Superintendent Don Dean.

Hornbeck has spent 23 years in education, starting



HORNBECK

Rossville-Alvin, then going to Armstrong High School before being hired at Hoopeston Area 13 years ago as physical education teacher. He was then high school dean of students before being named high school principal.

In other personnel business, the board:

- approved re-hiring Ryan High, high school boys PE teacher; Nikki Pruemer, middle school PE teacher; and Kori Smith, middle school English.

- approved transfers of Kevin Root from high school PE to business education; and Sara Troxel from Honeywell EMH to Maple EMH.

- approved resignations from Janet Crouch, third grade teacher, who is retiring; Marilyn Longfellow, Maple custodian; Josh Haley, high school assistant boys basketball coach; Carolyn Daniel, high school cheerleading; and John Hardcastle, high school head girls basketball.

The board also heard from Theta Lee about a state school funding proposition, "Invest in Excellence." The Illinois Education Association is trying to get the plan approved by legislators.

"Invest in Excellence" calls for providing adequate resources to all Pre-K-12 public schools, provide adequate resources to all public colleges and universities; provide a long-term solution for pension funding.

Illinois ranks 49th among states in the amount paid by the state per student, Lee said. Some districts spend \$28,000 per student, while other spend under \$5,000. Being on the low end of the scale "dooms poor communities to second class status," she said.

Funding for the program could come from Gov. Blagojevich. See HA on other side

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Police News



Two people were treated for minor injuries after an accident at 9:33 p.m. Wednesday.

Salissa L. Hoak and Erin R. Hoskins, both of Hoop-
eston, were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial
Hospital by Hoopeston Ambulance personnel.

Police reported that Hoak, 18, in a 1992 Chevrolet,
was southbound on Fourth St. and failed to yield at the
intersection at Thompson, colliding with Hoskins' 1998 Pontiac Grand Am.

Hoak was ticketed for failure to yield at a stop/yield
intersection.

A **30-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 5:17
p.m. Friday that a burglary occurred in the 100 block
of East Lincoln.

The report is still under investigation.

Obituaries

CROZIER - Bill W. Crozier, 63, of
Newton, died at 8:21 p.m. Wednes-
day, April 18, 2007 at St. Memorial
Hospital, Effingham. Funeral service
was at 4 p.m. Saturday at Renner-
Wikoff Chapel, Urbana. Burial was
private. Visitation was 1-4 p.m. Satur-
day. Memorials are suggested to the
Empty Tomb Fund.



CUSTER - Helen H. Custer, 90, of
Rankin died at 12:12 p.m. Wednes-
day, April 18 at Carle Foundation
Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service
will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Knapp
Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will
be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visi-
tation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the
funeral home. Memorials are sug-
gested to Rankin United Methodist Church.



TAYLOR - Wilma G. Taylor, 90, of Cissna Park
died at 1:31 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2007 at Iroquois
Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Graveside service was at
noon Saturday at Potomac Cemetery. Visitation was 9-
11 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna
Park. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park United
Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Briefly

Smoking cessation program offered

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is offering a seven-
week smoking cessation program starting Tuesday, May
1. Classes meet every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. The pro-
gram is free. The weekly classes meet in the Community
Room of Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Call Mary
Ann Piercy at (217) 283-5531 for more information.

Magazines, books for sale

Hoopeston Public Library has received donations

of back issues of National Geographic and Reader's
Digest Magazines along with used books that are for
sale.

DACC Job Fair

Career Connections Job Fair 2007 will be held
from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 in the
DACC Mary Miller Gymnasium. The public is in-
vited to meet area employers who are recruiting for
part-and full-time positions. Participants should

'Touchtone M for Murder' to be presented at Rossville-Alvin

ROSSVILLE—Rossville-Alvin Grade School will
host "Touchtone M for Murder" at 6 p.m. Friday.
The presentation will be held in the Rossville-Alvin
High School gym.

Advance tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for people
18 and younger and may be purchased by calling

(217) 304-8084. At the door, tickets will be \$6 for
adults and \$4 for people 18 and younger.

The Rossville-Alvin PTO will host a pizza dinner
before the show, at 5 p.m., in the high school cafete-
ria. Cost is \$3 in advance by calling the above num-
ber or any PTO member and \$4 at the door.

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gojevich's Gross Receipts Tax or the Meeks Bill in the
Senate, a one percent across-the-board tax with revenues
going to education.

Lee urged those attending the board meeting to call,
write or e-mail legislators in support of the plan and to
attend a rally to be held May 2 in Springfield.

In other business, the board:

- Approved membership in the IESA and IHSA.

- Approved hiring Russ Leigh for the annual audit at a cost not to exceed \$5,100.

- Welcomed new board members Mark Schaumburg and Chris Elliott, who attended. The two, plus incum-
bent Mark Wagoner, will be seated at a special meeting
at 6 p.m. May 10.

- Heard from principals about special year-end activities
at their respective schools.



Lunch Menus



Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Chicken taco, corn, pears, pretzel/cheese.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, croutons, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese, celery sticks, peanut
butter, apple slices, no bake cookie.

THURSDAY: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, peas & car-
rots, peaches, bread/butter.

FRIDAY: Hotdog, tri-tater, Jello/fruit, chocolate chip cookie.

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Hamburger/bun, potato tots, seasoned green
beans, bananas.

TUESDAY: Chicken parmesan, peas & carrots, creamed
corn, oranges, sugar cookie, white bread.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/gravy, whipped
potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, white bread, apple-

sauce.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes,
Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Lasagna casserole, glazed carrots, Caesar
salad, ambrosia, Italian bread.

All meals served with milk.

Weather



Breezy today. High 73. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low
51. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 68, low
54.

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dress for an interview and bring copies of their resume.

For more information, or to schedule a booth, call
DACC Career Services,
(217) 443-8597.

Meetings

Rossville Village Board,
6 p.m. Monday, village
office. The special meeting
is to amend the budget. A
planning commission meet-
ing will follow at 7 p.m.

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