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Superintendent says report on stimulus funds is misleading

A report in an area newspaper about stimulus money to local schools is misleading, at least when it comes to Hoopeston Area, according to district Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

The report stated Hoopeston Area received \$1.75 million in stimulus funds. Hornbeck said at Thursday's board meeting. While true, about \$1.25 million of the total was for state aid payments.

The district has received about 20 percent of the remaining \$500,000. The rest of it is "mixed up in red tape," Hornbeck said.

Besides using stimulus funds

for state aid payments, Hornbeck Alex Pajor, 12, introduces himself to those attending Thursday's Hoopeston Area told the board that the state is School Board meeting. Alex and his brother, Adam, also pictured, are members of also three payments behind for a new Star Scout troop in Hoopeston. The boys attended the meeting as a means of transportation. Hoopeston Area working towards a citizenship badge. Their mother, Dawn Pajor, who is an assisdid not receive its final payment tant troop leader, also attended.

last year and are two behind this year, he said.

Hornbeck said the state owes close to \$500,000 on payments not made. "It doesn't take long, at half a million at a time, to really feel the hurt," he said, adding the district wants to keep communication open with Hoopeston Education Association and the community "because it doesn't look good."

Area superintendents are set to meet the first week in January to discuss state school funding, followed by a meeting of Vermilion, Champaign and Ford counties on the same issue.

In unrelated business, the board received information

about a tri-party agreement with Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning about the agriculture program. "we've had an agreement on gentlemen's terms for the last several years," Hornbeck said. That agreement will be put into written form and is expected to be voted on at the board's January 21, 2010 meeting.

In related discussion, high school Principal Larry Maynard said the district received \$11,000 from the Cadle Foundation in Rossville for a portable greenhouse for the ag department. The school is working with vendors to purchase the greenhouse, he said. The foun-

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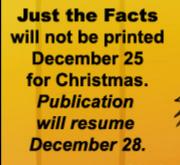
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dation also donated money to the district to upgrade security cameras at the high school and for a new scoreboard for the football field.

In unrelated business, the board:

• Heard a reminder from Hornbeck that in the event of a school closing due to winter storms, the district will use the AlertNow system to notify parents. Information will also be broadcast on local radio and television stations. • Heard from Hornbeck that officials have met with



A 34-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12:45 p.m. Thursday that her coat, which had keys in the pocket, was lost at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The coat was later found and returned to the owner.

An 18-year-old Hoopeston man was arrested at 2:02 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, the man was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

The residents of the Hoopeston Nursing Home wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season. The Nursing Home will be having their annual

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where you may purchase any color bow and it will then be placed on the tree located in the lobby. It will also include your personalized message.

This year, money raised will go towards the purchase of a flat screen TV for the residents' activity room. We thank you for remembering us this Holiday Season.

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the HEA regarding a makeup date for when schools were closed for the death of student Michael Symmonds. More information is expected at the January meeting.

• Heard from Maynard that, in Symmonds' memory, a

Library sponsors Christmas break activities for youngsters

Youngsters looking for something to do over Christmas break need look no further than Hoopeston Public Library.

The library will sponsor two activities for youngsters in first grade and older.

The first will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 and will feature Wii and board games, with snacks provided. The second will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29 and

Obituaries

LEE - Lilian (Alt) Lee, 94, of Hoopeston, formerly of Rossville, died at 10:01 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Cremation rites will be accorded. Private family memorial service will be held at Mann's Chapel Cemetery. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, was in charge of arrangements.

Lunch Menus

CRIS/SAMS Meals MONDAY: Vegetable lasagna, white rice/beans, apple crisp, apple juice, wheat bread

TUESDAY: Ham & beans, California mix, hot cinnamon applesauce, 3 bean salad, corn bread

WEDNESDAY: Ham & beans, diced sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, applesauce, wheat bread

THURSDAY: Meatloaf/zesty tomato sauce, diced rutabagas, lima beans, mixed fruit, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Closed for Christmas All meals include milk.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 33. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 34, low 24. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather

Service, (217) 283-6221.

memorial rock is expected to be placed by the school soccer field.

• Approved resignations from Janet Seals, high school personal aide, effective Friday; and Jeff Ohlemeyer as head high school football coach.

will be a make-and-take craft day. All materials will be

provided. For more information, call

the library at 283-6711. The library will be closed December 24-27 for the Christmas holiday and will reopen with regular hours on Monday. Dec. 28 The library will also close

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