



Rep. Harms announces results of spring legislative survey

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Hoopeston, IL 60942

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WATSEKA—State Rep. Josh Harms released the results of a survey sent to residents of the 106th District this spring. The legislative survey included questions on pension reform, job creation, conceal carry, school safety, and other issues that have come up in the General Assembly. Harms said the survey helps guide him when bills come up for a vote.

"We had roughly 1,000 people participate in the survey and some of the results were pretty surprising," Harms said. "Medical marijuana came back with 51% opposed and 49% in favor, that's a lot closer than I would have guessed. Most of the results though were in line with what we would expect."

Conceal carry is supported by 82% of respondents, 71% of people stated that school safety regulations should be left up to the local school districts instead of the State or Federal Government, and gay marriage was opposed by 79% of the participants.

Asked which of four suggestions would be most effect to attract and retain new employers to Illinois, 39 percent said reduce taxes on employers, followed by 31 percent saying reduce regulations on business. Seventeen percent said Worker's Comp reform would help, while 13 percent said offering industryspecific tax credits would help solve the problem.

On the issue of pension reform, 26 percent want increased employee contributions, while 20 percent suggested an increase in the retirement age. Another 20 percent suggested transitioning to a 401k-style system. Roughly 12 percent of respondents said the state should eliminate the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) while another 12 percent suggested eliminating retiree healthcare coverage. Two other suggestions - increasing revenue and shifting the cost to local schools - each garnered five percent.

Asked if they support consolidation of township government, 55 percent said yes; 45 percent opposed it.

"I want to say thank you to everyone that took the time to fill out a survey," said Harms. "These bills sometimes come up very fast in Springfield and knowing exactly where the district stands helps me better represent the 106th District."

For a full list of the questions asked and the results, you can visit Harms' website at www.repharms.org.

Police News

Kevin Drennan, 55, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 2:21 a.m. Sunday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. He was charged with criminal damage to state-supported property after allegedly damaging patrol vehicles while officers were at an unrelated call at the emergency room.

Drennan was taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

Lorraine L. South, 45, of Hoopeston, was ticketed

for restraint of dog by owner or keeper on a complaint from a 39-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged South's dog was loose and harmed someone at 4:38 p.m. in the 700 block of South Fourth St.

The dog was returned to South along with a citation to appear in Hoopeston City court.

A woman reported at 7:04 p.m. Sunday that a light blue bicycle was taken from her yard in the 700 block, of South Fifth St.



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TUESDAYS 5-8PM - Homemade

Chips & Salsa, Tacos, Enchiladas,

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Show time 6-9 p.m. Tickets \$15 each

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Hoopeston Convenience Mart is now Hoopeston Marathon

New owner - New low prices Busch 30 pk. & Bud Lite 24 pk. \$15.99 Bud Natural Light 12 pk. \$5.99 Monster Drinks 2/\$3 Any size Coffee 99¢ or Fountain Drink 89¢

714 W. Orange (217) 283-6701

Hoopeston VFW 4826 Men's Auxiliary Cookout Benefit

Thursday, July 25 5-8 p.m. (or til gone) Corner of Fourth Ave. and Orange Choice of grilled bratwurst, grilled cheeseburger or hamburger or deep fried bacon-wrapped hotdog with baked beans & chips just \$5 \$1.25 Domestic Beer Special Proceeds to refurbish the VFW Post

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9:00 am - 10:30 am

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On the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

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Briefly -

Mark those calendars for euchre

Country Terrace welcomes anyone interested in playing Euchre to join us the last Monday each month at 1:30. We are hoping to fill our dining room with euchre players. The Multi Agency van is available to bring players from the community after 1 p.m. to Country Terrace. Join the fun!

Hoopeston town-wide rummage sales Hoopeston will have a town-wide rummage sale Aug. 2-3. Anyone who is interested in participating and being on the map for the sale is asked to call Brenda Crusinberry, (217) 283-7375 with name, address and phone number. You must sign up by July 29 to be on the map.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:46 p.m. Sunday to the 500 block of West Washington for a report of smoke coming from an attic. The fire was believed to have been started by a faulty exhaust fan in the bathroom. No injuries were reported.

We would like to thank all the Firemen from Hoopeston and the surrounding area for their efforts during the recent fire.

To show our appreciation, we're offering free haircuts to all Firemen from every department that came to Hoopeston to help. Please call (217) 283-0014 to schedule an appointment or feel free to walk in at 712 W. Orange.

Thank you, Firemen!



712 W. Orange St., Hoopeston (217) 283-001

Class of '78 reunion

Hoopeston-East Lynn Class of 1978 will hold its 35th reunion at 6 p.m. August 10 at Hoopeston American Legion. If you know of any family or friends that have not been contacted, please have them email **jenni-fer.sinclair@sbcglobal.net**.

Girls basketball practice

Basketball practice for girls going into fifth or sixth grade this coming school year will start Monday, Aug. 5. Practice will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. at John Greer gym. Athlete will need a physical, tennis shoes, gym clothes and water bottle.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 59.

For the latest weather, visit <u>www.wunderground.com/</u> cgi-bin/findweather/hdfForecast?query=60942

Classifieds HELP WANTED

Busy Chiropractic needs team oriented, multi-tasking, energetic front desk person. Customer service and phone skills a must. Computer experience helpful. Hiring part time and full time -Hoopeston office. Drop off resume at Hoopeston Office 830 S. Dixie Hwy, Hoopeston, IL

Greene Galvanized Stairs is accepting applications for full-time Production and Packaging positions. Fabrication and/or order fulfillment experience is a plus. Send resume to PO Box 191, East Lynn IL 60932 or jobs@greenebinstairs.com.

City Carrier Assistant position opening for Hoopeston Post Office. Non-career position. \$15/hr. Apply online ONLY. Overview and apply at http://tinyurl.com/oeq9ynf

HOUSES FOR SALE

512 N. 6th St., Hoopeston. 3 BR, 1 bath, full basement, corner lot, 2 car garage, huge shop. Needs work. Asking \$32,000. Contact Brandy Jackson, (803) 640-0796.

Ambia, IN: 2 BR, 1 bath, dining room, kitchen, utility room, walk-in closets, corner lot 1.5 car garage. Will sell on contract. \$2,000 down. (217) 283-6021

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