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New Beginnings of Hoopeston

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Education budget may get done if reforms are made

It's now less than two weeks before the beginning of the next fiscal year, and we still don't have a balanced budget plan in place. There was a small bit of news this week that was viewed by many as a good development. A handful of news stories noted that there was a possibility that both Senate President John Cullerton and Governor Bruce Rauner might be able to reach consensus on an education budget, if it contained school funding reform.



Statehouse Update

By **Jason Barickman**
State Senator, 53rd District

This sounds like wonderful news to me, as someone who has been pushing to fix our clearly broken education funding formula. I served on the Illinois General Assembly's Education Funding Advisory Committee, which studied how the current formula works, including why it seems to create inequity between school districts.

There is definitely one thing we can all agree on, that a student's zip code shouldn't determine the quality of their education. But the question is how we go about reforming the system. There are a multitude of bills that have been filed with differing methods to accomplish that goal. The big problem is that most of them haven't even been heard in committee.

I am the sponsor of one such bill, SB1402, which is supported by a broad coalition of school districts, superintendents, school boards and parents known as Vision 20/20. This legislation would create an evidence-based funding model to replace our current formula. That means a system where school funding is based on the

See EDUCATION on other side

Tune in at
4:15 p.m. tonight
Hoopeston Happenings
with Tom Sweeney
Hoopeston Chautauqua History
on WHPO!



VFW Menu

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ANDERSON - Gary D. Anderson, 75, of Grove, Okla., formerly of Rankin and Kankakee, died Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Freeman West Hospital, Joplin, Mo. Visitation will be 1:30 p.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service Sunday at Rankin United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice.

Education continued from other side

actual costs each district faces. This would be a scalable system, which would more equitably distribute education funds regardless of the total amount set aside by lawmakers. It would also allow us to see how increases and decreases actually affect schools, such as how much money it would take to reduce class sizes to a level that would better educate our students.

This is the method our schools and our parents are asking for, and the common-sense solution that our children deserve. But so far this bill hasn't even been allowed to be heard in committee. I agree with our Senate

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1-3 p.m.
208 S. Sixth St., Hoopeston
Stop in and meet Mrs. Tiffany and
see what she has planned for
this school year!

Obituaries

BECKNER - Charles Eugene "Gene" Beckner, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 3:24 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center 701 E.

president that we need to tackle school funding reform. But starting that process means looking at the best proposals, including this one, and not simply pushing one particular piece of legislation that is viewed as more politically advantageous.

Weather

Heavy rain likely today. High 84. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 64. Tomorrow, chance of storms, then mostly cloudy. High 75, low 60.

Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942, or Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni Association c/o Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

From the Blotter

A **50-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged his swimming pool in the 800 block of East Seminary.

A **44-year-old** woman reported at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged her vehicle sometime during the night. The damage occurred in the 500 block of East Main.

Classifieds

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RUMMAGE SALES

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HOOPESTON: 822 S. Fourth St., Fri. & Sat., 8-noon. Complete drum set, household items/décor, generator, children's items & more.

HOOPESTON: 608 S. Fifth. Fri. & Sat., 8-4. 3 family sale. Stove, fridge, leather recliner, TV center, microwave stand, women, boys & girls clothes, dishes, purses, Avon, toys, breakfast burritos, tamales & much more.

HOOPESTON: 314 E. Main. Indoor sale. Fri. & Sat, 8-1. 6 families. New items, furniture, tools, equipment, Christmas, home décor, children's clothes & toys, more.

RURAL HOOPESTON: 023 N & 042 N 2900 E. Rd. Fri. 8-2, Sat., 7-noon. Rain or shine. Fishing poles, tools, HO train, Jeff Gordon collectibles, Beanie Babies, 3 sweepers, misc. Downsizing-aquarium, youth bed, home décor, glassware, shelves & lots more. New items Saturday.

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