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School officials discuss possible property tax law changes

The property tax limit law and two Illinois bills that would affect a taxing body's ability to borrow money were discussed at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Supt. Hank Hornbeck said legislation under consideration would freeze property taxes at the 2015 rate for three years and could have a big impact on all school districts.

Fortunately for Hoopeston Area, Hornbeck said, is that wind turbines within the district will come on the tax rolls this year, increasing the districts equalized assessed valuation (EAV).

Board member Mark Schaumburg said it is not only school districts that will be affected, but all taxing districts, including municipalities, libraries and others.

Business manager Mark Eighner said the changes are being sought because property taxes in Chicago "keep going up and up and up. They're trying to slow that down."

In other business, the board:

- Approved participating in the DARE program at a cost not to exceed \$3,452.

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Briefly

Maple Madness winner

The October 16 Maple Madness fundraiser winner of \$25 is Dorothy Longest, of Hoopeston.

Roof repairs at library

Hoopeston Public Library will be undergoing major roof repairs beginning Monday, Oct. 19. Patrons are advised that while all library entrances will be open, parking may be limited at times, and the noise level may be greater than usual. At this time, the library



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plans to be open regular hours during the repairs, which are expected to take several weeks, weather permitting.

Wrestling signups

Hoopeston Area Wrestling Club will hold youth sign-ups on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 5-7 p.m. in Hoopeston

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, applesauce, Tropical Twist juice, milk

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Beefy fiestada, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

THURSDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pork roast w/gravy or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or BBQ rib, Max Stix, pears, salad bar, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese or cheeseburger, soup, salad bar, peaches, salad bar, milk, juice

FRIDAY: No school

School continued from other side

- Approved the 2015 administrative and teacher salary and benefits report.
- Heard reports from representatives of the Music Boosters, Sports Boosters and Ag Alumni.
- Heard from Hornbeck that the district received a clean audit. The board will vote on accepting the audit at the November meeting.
- Heard the district will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 9:30 a.m. November 11. The American Legion/VFW Color Guard will give a program to Maple students at 10:30 a.m.
- Heard from Eighner that the district will apply for more propane buses and that new LED lights have been installed in buildings and parking lots, thanks to

Area High School library. The club is open to youngsters in grades 3-8. Cost is \$60.

New wrestlers must bring a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, contact Coach Logan Patton at pattonjl@hoopeston.k12.il.us or (217) 260-6556.

Grades kindergarten-second will have a wrestling camp in the spring with Coach Patton and high school wrestlers.

Coat drive

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is coordinating a coat

Obituaries

BURKERT - Carol S. Burkert, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 9:36 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

KUHLES - Albert Carl Kuhles, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 6:49 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at Watseka Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Visitation was 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Danville National Cemetery with military rites by Danville American Legion post. Memorials are suggested to Salem 4 Youth, 15161 N. 400 E. Rd., Flanagan IL 61740.

an Illinois Clean Energy Act grant.

- Approved resignations of Kristina Daulton, high school softball coach, effective September 21; Amanda Elliott, high school classroom aide, effective October 9; and Tom Maire, part time cafeteria cashier, effective October 15.
- Hired Michl Kearney as fifth grade boys basketball coach for the 2015-16 season; and Bryce Bushong as Maple special education classroom aide.

Weather

Sunny, breezy today. High 68. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50. Tomorrow, sunny. High 73, low 50.

drive for students. Sizes needed range from children to adults. Only new or gently used coats will be accepted. No tears, stains or missing buttons, please.

Coats may be dropped off daily until Friday, Oct. 30 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Office (closing at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23) or at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Several area churches will also collect coats for this drive.

For more information, contact Amy Linares, Community Liaison, at 283-6664.

From the Blotter

A 51-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 12:34 p.m. Thursday that a Stihl weed trimmer was removed from his truck in the 300 block of North Market.

A small key was found in front of Tedd's on Main St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police department.

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