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## New year to bring new school district superintendent search

A months' long effort to find a new superintendent for the Hoopeston Area school district did not result in a successful candidate, so the board of education will open a new search in the new year.

The Illinois Association of School Boards, hired to conduct the initial search, has reopened it, said Russ Walder, HA board president, at Thursday's monthly meeting.

Applications for the position will close at noon January 20, 2017.

In May, the board approved paying \$7,400 for the IASB's services. That fee covers subsequent searches until a superintendent is found.

From the initial search, four candidates were interviewed but there was not a consensus on any of the candidates, he said.

Before beginning the search, district officials conducted surveys of administrators, staff and the community to determine which traits a new superintendent should have. Leadership was at the top of all three, leading the board to look for someone who can "come and get involved in the community," Walder said.

With the new search, a new brochure on the district is being made available to prospective superintendents. Much of the information is the same; however the district is now offering a multi-year contract to the successful candidate, which would make the job more attractive, Walder said. In-district residency is also a requirement.

The new superintendent will replace Hank Hornbeck, who will retire in 2017.

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 Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops  
 Thursday: Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp  
 Friday: Cod sandwich or dinner or Ribeye Steak

The Pit Stop will be closed Saturday and Sunday.  
 Open Bowling Saturday until 4 p.m.

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**New Year's Eve!**  
 Choice of prime rib, ribeye, chicken breast  
 7-8-9 Pin Tournament starts at 7:30  
 Music by Yesterday's Country  
 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

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## Volunteers to host fifth annual Hoopeston Christmas dinner

The fifth annual Hoopeston Christmas Dinner will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Christmas Day at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Organized by Susan Comstock, she and Jill Penicook started the tradition because they did not want anyone to be alone on Christmas.

The event has grown year by year. Last year, about 230 meals were served.

The dinner is a community effort with Hoopeston IGA donating the turkeys and Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce providing most of the funding. Local residents donate time and desserts for the event.

The meal is free but reservations are appreciated so volunteers can prepare enough food both for those who eat at the Multi Agency and for the meals that are delivered to shut-ins in the Hoopeston and Ross-ville areas.

To make a reservation, call the Multi Agency, (217)

283-5544, Comstock at (217) 495-1620 or Penicook, (815) 341-8541.

A fund is set up for the Community Christmas Dinner at First Farmers Bank and Trust of Hoopeston and donations of desserts are always welcome and may be dropped off at the Multi Agency Sunday morning.

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# LOST DOG


2-year-old  
 Chocolate Lab  
 "Maggie"

Lost from East Elm, Hoopeston. Last seen last week at 3797 Rd., just west of Rt. 1.

She is a rescue dog and extremely scared. She will run if chased.

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*Luke 2:11 KJV*

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blessed Christmas and a  
healthy, prosperous  
New Year.

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**Briefly**

**At the library**

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Best Sellers Book Club** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19. New members are still welcome to join this monthly book discussion group for adults. This month's title is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

**Family Holiday Movie** at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. Parents and children are invited to a free showing of the family film, "A Muppet Christmas Carol." Free popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Children eight and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For information on any library activity, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

**Santa for Seniors**

Today is the last day to donate items for Santa for Seniors. Items needed include canned foods, teas, hot chocolate mixes, snacks, full size bottles of personal hygiene products, puzzles, games, ornaments, night lights and note pads. Other items will be accepted.

Donations may be dropped off at totes at First United Methodist Church, New Beginnings Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Church of God, Grant Township

office and the home of Stephen and Holly Eyrich.

**Methodist church services set**

Hoopeston and Wellington Methodist churches have announced their Christmas service schedule.

Combined services for Hoopeston and Wellington will be held at 9 a.m. at Wellington United Methodist Church. There will be no service at Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 p.m. at Wellington United Methodist Church and 7 and 11 p.m. at Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

**From the Blotter**

**Tammy M. Coon**, 43, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for a dog running at large after someone reported a dog running loose at 9 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of West Maple.

Coon, who lives in the 500 block of West Maple, was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 3:05 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of East Main. During the previous night, someone struck a parked 2005 Chrysler, damaging the driver's side front fender.

**A 16-year-old** Hoopeston youth was charged with purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor after police were called at 10:17 p.m. Thursday to the 400 block of North Eighth Ave. for a report of a juvenile trying to steal alcohol.

Police said the youngster admitted drinking alcohol. The child was released to a guardian on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Lunch Menus**

**Hoopeston Area grade schools**

**MONDAY:** Chicken patty/bun, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, juice, milk  
**TUESDAY:** Ham & cheese/bun, Sun Chips, apple slices, baby carrots, milk

**Hoopeston Area High/Middle School**

**MONDAY:** Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice  
**TUESDAY:** Pizza Hut, salad bar, pineapple milk, juice  
No school until January 4, 2017.

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 15. Tonight, clear. Low 8. Tomorrow, sunny. High 29, low 17.

**Search continued from other side**

- In other business, the board:
- approved the purchase of new uniforms for the Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers.
  - Brought up by band director Patrick Brooks at last month's meeting, the board approved a \$34,032.75 quote from DeMoulin Co., of Greenville, which will provide 80 band uniforms for band members and five for drum majors, Hornbeck said.
  - Heard from Hornbeck that, contrary to a news article that said the state would fully fund schools, Illinois is behind in payments for categoricals (items like transportation costs) and owes Hoopeston Area \$270,000.
  - Approved rehiring attorney Bill Nelson for calendar year 2017, with a \$2,000 retainer.
  - Approved the 2016 tax levy and audit.
  - Heard reports from board members, Hornbeck and business manager Mark Eighner, who all attended the state school board convention last month.

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