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**Santa to visit with area's special needs youngsters Saturday**

Kids who find the conditions of visiting Santa at a mall or other crowded location will be able to spend quiet time with the jolly elf in Hoopeston.

Sensory Santa will visit with local special needs children on Saturday, Dec. 16 at First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston. Each child will have a 15-minute session with Santa, then will be able to

enjoy a snack and craft with Santa's helpers.

Sessions are free and will be captured by a professional photographer. All sessions are by appointment only. To schedule one, call (217) 918-2106 or email [amcmillanphotography@gmail.com](mailto:amcmillanphotography@gmail.com).

The event is sponsored by Sew Shoot Me and First Church of God.



**Wrestling for a cause**  
 Members of the Magee family display a \$1,000 check donated by Hoopeston Area Youth Wrestling Club, from the group's Dan Magee Memorial Tournament held Sunday at Hoopeston Area High/Middle School. Dan Magee, who wrestled as a student here, died in 1993 at the age of 22. The wrestling tournament that bears his name was started in 2013 and helps fund the Dan Magee Scholarship. Pictured are, from left, Rhett, Mark, Kennedy, Shawna and Scharry Magee.

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## Illinois Department of Revenue sets Vermilion County property tax multiplier at 1.0000

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Constance Beard, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier”, is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value

placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.28 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2017 taxes, payable in 2018.

Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue’s estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days

after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

### Briefly

#### Street to be closed for sewer work

South Market/Cornjerker Way will be closed from Wednesday to Friday this week for sewer work for Prairie Meadows II. Signage will direct motorists to detours around the area. Motorists may want to avoid the area, if possible.

#### Post office seeks young artists

The Hoopeston Post Office needs help decorating for the holidays.

Holiday coloring pages are available in the lobby for any child who would like to color the page and return it to the post office. The artwork will be put out on display during the holiday season.

#### At the Library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Cooking the Books**, 6-7 p.m.. Thursday. This month, a cookie exchange! Choose a recipe from our selection and take a copy home to bake 4 dozen cookies (1 to taste, 3 to share) and a container to take cookies home.

#### Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. The group is open to all past and present breast cancer survivors. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

#### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 25. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 14. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 32, low 23.

## HA ladies finish second in strong Bloomington Invitational bowling

Hoopeston Area girls’ bowling traveled to Bloomington Saturday for the Bloomington Invitational. The team game in second to champion Minooka.

Led by senior Mercy Linder’s 1094, Kayla Goble’s 1015, Jaylyn Linder’s 980 and Emma Glotzbach’s 967, the Cornjerkers finished the day only 37 pins short. The ladies finished 2, 4, 5, 6, in individual standing with Alyssa Yaden rounding out the team finishing 20th.

Hoopeston started the day by dropping a tight game to Minooka, 846-822. They kept pace over the next four games before going into the lead entering game six. Hoopeston Area beat Evanston, 889-764, sending them into a rematch with Minooka for the title.

In a very even match, the Cornjerkers trailed by nine pins entering the final two frames before Minooka senior Alyssa Ritchie finished with a fine 248 and edged the Jerkers, 910-835.

Final pin count was Minooka 4939, Hoopeston Area 4902, Evanston 4369, Bloomington 4143, and Herscher, 4089.

Also competing were Decatur Eisenhower, Geneva, Bloomington Central Catholic and Decatur MacArthur.

The ladies will host Bloomington High School at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Fast Lanes. Everyone is invited to come support these girls.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Part-time high school cafeteria dishwasher. Must be a quick learner and able to keep up in a fast-paced environment. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Start date: Jan. 3, 2018. Applications available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD website, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us)

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for a Personal Aide at Hoopeston Area Middle School starting January 3, 2018. Applications available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD website, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us)

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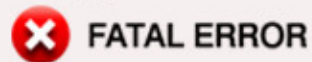
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