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Photo submitted
Hoopeston student Erin Hinojosa (left, speaking) proposes a new idea for legislation at State Senator Jason Barickman's (R-Bloomington) Fall 2017 Youth Advisory Day.

Area youth take part in Barickman's Youth Advisory Council

BLOOMINGTON—State Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) welcomed more than 80 students from across the 53rd Senate District to the Illinois State University Alumni Center to immerse themselves in the process of developing and proposing new legislation.

"This is an opportunity to learn about the issues our high school students care about, and for them to learn about how the legislative process works," said Sen. Barickman. "If we can engage them in government and civ-

ics now, they will have a better chance of staying informed and involved in their communities and their government."

Senator Barickman's Youth Advisory Council, first launched in 2014, invites high school juniors and seniors from the 53rd District to come together with their peers to propose new ideas for legislation while at the same time developing a better understanding of government.

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Thursday: Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
Friday: Cod, Rib eye Steak or Ribs
Saturday: Prime Rib, Rib eyes or Ribs

Now accepting reservations for

New Year's Eve
Prime Rib, Ribeyes, Grilled Chicken Breast 4-8:30
Open Bowling until 6 p.m.,
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Happy New Year
2018
 We wish you a healthy, happy New Year.
 Just the Facts will not be published Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1-2, 2018

Obituaries

ALCORN - Melvin Alcorn, 89, of Watseka, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at Milford Christian Church. Memorials are suggested to the church or family wishes.

BOWERS - Duane C. Bowers, 72, of Waterflow, NM, formerly of Ambia, Ind., died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017. Arrangements are pending at Cope Memorial Chapel, Farmington, NM.

CARL - Raymojean "Jean" Carl, 80, of Cissna Park died at 9:52 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

DAIN - Evelyn Dain, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 12:33 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

DUNAVAN - Joseph Eugene Dunavan, 66, of Rossville died at 12:13 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 at IU Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of his life pie social from noon-2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Funeral

Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. (Illinois time) Saturday at Lower Mound Cemetery, Covington, Ind. Memorials are suggested to IU Simon Cancer Center.

HORNER - Robert L. "Bobby" Horner, 56, of Cissna Park, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Saturday at

Council continued from other side

"I've always had an interest in politics, and this gave me the perfect opportunity to see what my future career could hold and to mingle with other students around the state and fix our problems that surround our state," said Daniel Bass, Hoopeston Area High School student. "This has helped me to make my decision to go into politics, help people around the state and community, and it just gave me the opportunity to learn more."

The students met with Senator Barickman, as well as representatives Dan Brady (R-Bloomington) and Tom Bennet (R-Gibson City), as well as local business leader Habeeb Habeeb, President/CEO of BPC and Founder of H Squared.

Students then broke into smaller groups to discuss ideas for new legislation, including everything from gun legislation to misdemeanor sentencing reform.

"It showed me that there's different people with different perspectives, and we're all coming together in one place, and we have different ideas and we just gotta work together to come up with solutions to our problems," said Watseka High School student Noah Burger. "It was a great time, very motivational, very inspirational, it helps me in pursuing my career and really motivates me."

The students eventually voted to advance a proposal to change how property tax funds are distributed to

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:23 p.m. Thursday to a house fire at 401 N. Market. Rossville Fire Department was also called to the scene. There was no report of injuries or damages.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 17. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 10. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of snow. High 19, low 5.

Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will follow in GAR Cemetery, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to The ARC of Iroquois County.

MATHEWS - Rebecca Mathews, 53, died at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 at Champaign Urbana Nursing and Rehab, Savoy. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

schools. That legislation will be taken up again by the students during a mock committee hearing at their next meeting, which will take place at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield during the spring legislative session.

"It's impressive to hear the students debate so passionately about such a broad variety of issues," said Barickman. "I'm hopeful that some of these students can use this experience as a first step toward a career in government service."

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