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New this year!
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Friday, January 3, 2020, 5-7:30 p.m.
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Looking back at 2019

When it comes to major news stories of 2019, many came from Hoopeston Area School District.

From setting a deadline to have Honeywell School demolished to deciding to take another run at a school facilities sales tax, the district generated headlines in 2019.

The top story of 2019 was the mutual decision between the district and former Supt. Suzette Hesser to end their contractual agreement at the end of last school year.

Hesser, hired in 2017, still had one year remaining on a three-year contract, but at a special Sunday meeting on St. Patrick's Day, the board approved ending the agreement.

Afterwards, Hesser said she planned to work on completing her education, but she was hired in June as principal of Parkside Junior High School, part of the McLean County school district.

As a result of the split, the board made some policy changes, including setting at \$10,000 the maximum expenditure a superintendent may approve without board approval.

In late April, the board approved Robert Richardson as the new superintendent, to begin July 1.

The second-biggest story to come out of the district last year was the student-led civic display of patriotism in response to teachers who refused to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ethan Larkin, Brady Moore, Chaz Landers and Drew Johnson, and later others, came to school early each morning, armed with small flags, which they gave away, affixing them to other students' vehicles, when asked.

The students started their activity after parents requested school board action on the teachers' failure to stand for the Pledge. The board took no action, citing

teachers' First Amendment rights, leaving students to patriotic display.

Other top stories from last year include:

The August 23 shooting death of Daryl Perkins at the Vermilion County Courthouse after he stabbed Vermilion County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Janesky in the face.

Mr. Perkins, who had been in court for a hearing, was waiting to be taken back jail when he indicated he needed to use the restroom. When Janesky opened the bathroom door to return Mr. Perkins to the holding cell, Mr. Perkins began stabbing the deputy with pens. He later took Janesky's multi-tool and began stabbing him with it, then gained the deputy's taser and was aiming it at Janesky, who then shot Mr. Perkins four times.

The incident was investigated by Illinois State Police. Their findings were turned over to Jacqueline Lacy, Vermilion County state's attorney, who announced in October that Janesky's use of force was justified and no charges would be filed.

Some stories had their start in 2019 but the conclusion won't happen until this year. One of those is Darren Duncan's run for the U.S. House seat currently held by John Shimkus.

Duncan, Rossville area farmer and Vermilion County treasurer, officially announced his run for the IL-15 seat on December 2. Four Democrat and five fellow Republicans are also running to represent the district, which includes parts of 33 counties.

Other stories started in 2018 or earlier but have not reached a final resolution. Most are related to economic development and include action on the former Essex building, still awaiting asbestos abatement; demolition of Bzzz Bar, burned in a March fire, for which an Illinois Fire Marshal's report is pending.

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Here's what's showing this weekend at the
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BELL - John Oliver "Jonnie" Bell, 79, of Watseka, died at 10:11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, at Watseka Health Care. He will be cremated and no service held. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 N. Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970.

ELLIS - Donald Ellis Jr., 92, of Hoopeston, died at 2:36 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at Autumn Fields, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. (CST) Friday

Briefly

Recycling rescheduled

Due to the New Year's holiday, Hoopeston recycling will be picked up Saturday.

Bulk garbage collection

City of Hoopeston will hold a bulk garbage collection Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main. Residents may drop off items from 7:30-11:30 a.m. This is for Hoopeston residents only. Identification will be checked onsite.

At the library

Littles @ the Library will not be held this week.

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Obituaries

at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, Funeral will be at 10 a.m. (CST) Saturday at Rossville Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hanging Rock Christian Camp, 6988 W State Road 28, West Lebanon, IN 47991 or the Rossville Church of Christ 514 E. Attica St. Rossville, IL 60963.

MORTS - Virginia "Susie" Morts, 91, of Mon-

Weather

Chance of rain today. High 44. Tonight, chance of rain/snow. Low 29. Tomorrow, chance of snow, then mostly cloudy. High 33, low 25. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 42, low 27.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom apartment at Princess Theater. Rent is \$450 per month and Includes utilities and appliances. Application and deposit required. Applications can be found online: b2lproperty-management.com/

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Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers

mouth, formerly of Rossville, died at 7:50 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Courtyard Estates, Monmouth. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Community Awards Ceremony
Saturday, Jan. 4 4 p.m.
Lorraine Theatre
 Awards to be presented by
 Hoopeston Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce,
 and The Chronicle
 Concession sales and freewill donations
 welcomed to the Lorraine Foundation.

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