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FFA farm manager gets life lesson at meeting; board to pay DACC dual enrollment fees

FFA farm manager Zachary Carter got a taste of real life at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Carter appeared at the meeting to update the board on the group's soybean plot, which netted a total of 148 bushels. He did not provide the cost per acre of the roughly six-acre plot and said the corn plot was worse.

Board member Lawrence Jahn said, "The board would really like to see a breakdown," and added such low numbers do not help the FFA pay off their debt to the district for financing the group's greenhouse.

The greenhouse was approved in 2013, at a cost of \$64,095. The night the project was approved, FFA advisor Emily McCray presented the board with a \$25,000 check towards the cost. FFA approved repaying the remainder in \$10,000 increments over four years, using money raised from assisting with tractor pulls and crop profits.

"That bill has not been paid," Jahn said.

Board member Craig Lee was also critical of this year's project. "People who don't know how to farm knew it was a disaster," he said.

Carter, the only FFA member willing to be farm manager, said he had difficulty getting a local company to spray the plot. Finally, he and his grandfather went and the spraying was finally done.

Lee wasn't buying excuses. "As a farmer, it's your responsibility to get them to come spray," he said. "In real life, you would lose the farm."

"I was the only one willing to be farm manager," Carter said, saying his grandfather helped him, paying for fuel, using his equipment and fixing things that broke on it.

Carter told the board he would take their critique to his classmates on Friday. "I'm sure we'll get more people involved," he said.

In other educational business, the board voted 6-0 - with board member Lee Cox absent - to continue paying for Danville Area Community College dual credit courses through the 2020-21 school year.

Supt. Robert Richardson explained that in 2017-18, parents paid the cost of dual enrollment classes for their children but that in 2018-19, the board agreed to foot the cost.

The board also approved a resolution for funds if the school facility occupation tax passes on March 17. Section one incorporates preambles of the resolution into the document. Board President Dave McFadden read the second section, which states that should the resolution pass, "the Board of Education of Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District No. 11 intends to use the funds to install Air Conditioning in Maple and John

Greer elementary buildings."

In other action, the board heard from Richardson that, due to a snow day, the last day of school will be May 26.

He also announced that sales tax information sessions would be held at 6:30 p.m. March 4 and 9 in the Rankin Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Richardson also noted that the committee deciding what to do with Honeywell mementos thinks a proposal to sell planks from the floors "is a great idea." A page will be added to the district website that will allow teachers and other employees to requisition items, such as chairs. Once employees have finishing shopping, the site will be open to non-profit groups. After that, officials will decide if an auction is needed. Officials are also looking at the cost of moving the playground equipment, he said.

In personnel items:

- Resignations were accepted from middle school custodian John Fink, effective January 23, and English teacher Paulina Dabrowska, at the end of the school year.
- Rain Hillard was hired as part time technology assistant, effective February 28.
- Pending background checks, volunteers Tanya Eilts, high school art trip; Jemiriye Fakunle, district mentoring program; Jane Powell, Hope Powell and Regan Shore, competitive cheer; and Baily Theesfeld, ag classroom, were approved.

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Briefly

At the library

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Leap Week Book Sale, Feb. 24-29. \$2/bag or 3 bags for \$5. All "fresh" material!

Best Sellers Book Club, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. "Silent Patient" is the selection. Open to adults of all ages. New members welcome!

Obituaries

DALTON - Thomas L. "Tommy" Dalton, 33, of Hoopeston, died at 2:42 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020. He will be cremated; no service will be held. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling the arrangements

HUGHES - Carol Ann Hughes, 76, of Rankin, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. She will be cremated and burial will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials are suggested to American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

RUTLEDGE - Garry M. Rutledge, 64, of Milford, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral service was at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

Stitchin' Time, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome to make new friends with similar interests.

Big Bang Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Weird and wacky

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a reported made at 11:36 a.m. Wednesday. A 64-year-old Hoopeston man reported that several items were taken from his garage in the 700 block of East Seminary.

Police investigated a hit-and-run accident reported at 3:43 p.m. Wednesday, when an unknown driver backed from a parking space in the 100 block of North Fourth St., into a 2017 Buick owned by Theresa Hennessy, of Loda, then fled the scene.

On Thursday, police arrested Macalie Martinez, 25, of Hoopeston, charging her with leaving the scene of a property damage accident and driving while license revoked. Martinez was driving a black 2010 Ford owned by Felipe Martinez, police said.

Michael Abbott, 51, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 4:49 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Honeywell.

He was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamines, driving while license suspended, fleeing or attempting to elude peace officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ/bun fries, mixed fruit, Cherry Star juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Tacos, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, salad bar, peaches

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

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

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or pork BBQ/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

science for kids in grades 3-5.

Cooking the Books, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23. This month's theme is Soup-Er Bowl. Pick a recipe from our special section. We'll copy it for you to take, make and bring to share. Bring serving utensils. Drinks and tableware provided.

Tree Climbers Genealogy Group, 10-10:30 a.m. Saturday. Open to anyone interested in tracing their family tree

PEP Potluck Party

Hoopeston First United Methodist Church will host its

Weather

Rain likely today, tonight. High 44, low 39. Tomorrow, chance of rain, rain/snow late. High 45, low 31.

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