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Hoopeston Multi Agency's annual ham & bean dinner canceled

Hoopeston Multi Agency's annual ham and bean dinner is canceled for this year.

"It was determined to be in the best interest to cancel it this year with the pandemic, said Executive Director Beth Bray Knecht.

"This was more than a fundraiser - it was a chance to visit with old friends and meet new ones," she said.

The dinner raised funds for HMA programs, providing services for a broad section of local residents.

To make up the loss, those who wish may make a monetary donation or donate supplies to the agency's food pantry, which is always in need of canned vegetables, canned meats, paper products, peanut butter, soups, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, non-perishable items, and hygiene items.

Homeless foods/ items - food that can be eaten from the can (with a pull top - are also needed, such as tuna or chicken packets, tuna salad packs, Vienna sausages, canned spaghetti products, crackers, peanut butter, and body wipes (baby wipes).

Donations may be mailed or taken to Hoopeston Multi Agency 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942. The front office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and is closed 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch.

HA school district to distribute Honeywell bricks October 31

Residents and former Honeywell School students will be able to get a free memento from the school.

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 will host a Honeywell brick drive through distribution on October 31 in the parking lot of the Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 District office. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or until bricks are gone

The bricks are free and individuals will be allowed to pick up two bricks as memorabilia of the Honeywell school.

However, the November dance has been canceled.

Despite the pandemic, HMA services are still in operation, including the van, which runs from 9-12 and 12:30-2 Monday-Friday. The Thrift Store is open daily from 10-2:30. Hours have been adjusted to allow staff to clean at the end of each day.

As a precaution, everyone who wishes to enter the building must have a mask placed correctly before entering. Visitors must be 16 or older.

"Thank you for all of the support that we receive from the community - it is greatly appreciated," Knecht said.

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What is “Fair”?

As a child, I was taught that treating everyone the same was “fair.” In the classroom, applying the same rules in the same way for each student was “fair.” In Springfield, Illinois, however, the legislators are proposing that the definition should change.

Currently, everyone in Illinois pays the same percentage of their taxable income. For easy figuring, a person or couple with \$30,000 of taxable income at 4% pays \$1,200 of tax to Illinois. A person or couple with taxable income of \$120,000 pays to the state of Illinois \$4,800 or 4 times as much as the first couple. The tax payer with the higher income ALREADY pays more because the income is higher. What could be fairer???

When this country and, in this case, Illinois punish success by grabbing more from small businesses, entrepreneurs, and employers, then we, as citizens, have lost the incentive for leadership, hard work, risk taking, determination, creativity, invention, and the creation of employment. These losses can only spell hardship for all and a very dim future for our state and country.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE PROGRESSIVE TAX AMENDMENT!

Theta Lee
Wellington, Illinois

Bennett working to shorten FOID wait

As we have dealt with the coronavirus pandemic

Briefly

Time to put the lights up

Volunteers are needed for Christmas light setup starting at 8 a.m. October 23 and 24. Volunteers (16 or older) are asked to meet at McFerren Park office. Friday will be primarily moving displays from storage, and Saturday will be assembling and securing the displays. Volunteers will be fed lunch both days. Anyone with a truck and trailer is encouraged to bring it Friday. For more information, call Russ Leigh at (217) 283-9336.

Anniversary card shower

Charlie and Gladys Kuntz will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on November. Their family would love to see them blessed with a card shower.

Please mail your card to: Charlie and Gladys Kuntz, Autumn Fields, 325 E. Orange St., Apt. #305, Hoopeston, IL 60942

this year, we have seen many state government operations struggle. One of these has been the processing of applications for Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) cards.

Wait times, which were already too long before the pandemic, have expanded to unacceptable lengths. Figures shared by the State Police indicate that while the average processing time for a new FOID card application in 2018 was 20 days, this year it is 70. Renewals, which took 20 days just two years ago, now take on average 136. While the number of applications increased from 256,353 in 2018 to 379,873 this year, the state of Illinois has not adapted its system to meet the increased demand.

I recently sent a letter to Gov. Pritzker calling for action to reduce wait times for FOID cards. My office has received many emails and phone calls from concerned constituents who have been waiting for their applications to be approved. Some have waited for six months or more. We have been working with the State Police to move the process along but much more needs to be done.

I have spoken with State Police Director Brendan

Weather

A wallet belonging to Kenneth Hoskins was found Sunday outside of Hoopeston Coin Laundry. He may claim it at the police station.

Bailee Cannon, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police investigated a complaint made at 4:55 p.m. Sunday by a 52-year-old Milford woman, who reported property had been damaged.

Cannon was charged with criminal damage to property and given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court. She was released to Rossville Police Department on pending charges.

A 16-year-old boy, considered missing/runaway, was found at 6:32 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Young. The boy, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center, Danville.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 59. Tonight, showers likely. Low 51. tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 66, low 56.

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Kelly and shared our concerns about the wait times. These delays have made it harder for Illinoisans to purchase firearms or ammunition or to make plans for fall hunting trips as shotgun deer season approaches.

This is not due to any mistake or wrongdoing on the part of the applicant. It is also not due to a lack of hard work on the part of the State Police personnel who are processing the applications. It is due to an inadequate and inefficient system for processing the paperwork.

Director Kelly and I have had productive conversations and he told me about the steps he is taking to improve the process. I applaud the work he and his staff are doing to straighten this out but there is much to do. Government needs to do better! Much better.

I look forward to seeing an improved system that better protects the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Illinoisans.

Tom Bennett
State Representative - 106th District

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Greene Galvanized Stairs is looking for personnel to work in our sheet metal manufacturing facility. Applicants should have their high school diploma or equivalent, be able to comply with appropriate dress and safety protocols for a manufacturing environment and pass an arithmetic screening and pre-employment drug screening. Apply in person at Greene Galvanized Stairs, 41774 Main St., East Lynn, Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m..

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Vermilion County Animal Shelter is hiring kennel workers, full and part time available! Email ksnyder@vercounty.org or visit www.vercounty.org/jobs_general.htm for an application.

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United Prairie-Hoopeston has openings for Fall help for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL . Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd, Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information, please call the office, 217-888-0164 or Jordan Reese, manager, 217-918-2876.

Mechanic wanted. Experience with heavy truck, construction, and agricultural machinery preferred. Call 217-474-8349.

Cade’s Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Private in home caregiver 5 days/week from 7 to 11 for female

with dementia. Hoopeston area. Must be able to use lift equipment for transfers. Call Tracey at 765 490 9642. May text for contact.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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