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# Just the Facts

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## Covid closes John Greer for the second time, Hoopeston Area Middle School out for a week

John Greer students returned to classes Thursday after having a week off to hopefully stop the spread of Covid-19. The school is closed again this week, along with Hoopeston Area Middle School, as both have large numbers of Covid-19-positive cases.

Supt. Robert Richardson made the announcement on social media Saturday, saying each school will communicate with families regarding educational material pick up and other information for student learning during the shutdown. Families who need a hotspot for internet access are asked to call their child's school office.

Students from the schools who need meals during

the break were asked to complete the Lunch Service Request if Quarantined form on the district webpage and submit it by 8 p.m. Sunday. The family's address should be listed in the answer box of the food allergies question. Meals will be delivered Monday.

Maple and Hoopeston Area High School will be in session this week. Administrators will continue to monitor Covid cases and make decisions that keep students and staff safe. District staff were to further sanitize all school buildings over the weekend and continue to increase cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

Dan Walder, John Greer principal, said during the

last closure, the building was thoroughly sanitized by custodial staff and others. "At one point, I found paraprofessionals on their hands/knees scrubbing crevices in our STEM Lab with toothbrushes and small picks," he wrote on social media. "Yet, a day and half after students returned from being gone for seven days, we had numerous students and staff test positive for Covid."

See COVID on other side

## Council approves slightly higher levy over last year's

Hoopeston City Council approved the 2022 levy in a 5-0 vote Tuesday evening.

The levy provides money for the city from residents' property taxes. Maximum percentages in some categories are set by law, while for others, like police pensions, officials can levy the actual amount needed.

For general corporate purposes, the levy went from \$69,375 last year, to \$69,875 this year. Fire protection fund purposes increased to \$42,000, up from \$41,625. Police pension remained steady at \$375,000.

Also staying the same is city audit fund purposes, at \$12,000, payroll withholding purposes at \$80,000 and ambulance service purposes at \$42,000.

Other categories in the levy include liability fund purposes (insurance) and \$86,000, up from 85,472; city park purposes, \$21,000, up from \$20,813; and Emergency Services and Disaster (ESDA), \$14,000, up from \$13,875.

Unemployment insurance fund purposes had a big increase, going from \$13,600 last year to \$26,100 this year. Workmen's compensation insurance purposes was increased from \$67,000 to \$67,500.

Aldermen Kyle Richards and Lourdine Florek were absent. Florek has been serving as mayor pro tem due to Mayor Bill Crusinberry's illness. In her absence, Ald. Jeff Wise facilitated the meeting.



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## From the Blotter

**Christopher J. Stables**, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police tried to make a traffic stop at 7:25 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of South Fourth St.

Police said when an officer attempted the stop, Stables abruptly exited the vehicle and ran from the officer. He was apprehended and charged with driving while license revoked, failure to yield and stop sign violation.

Stables was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

**Ardani Garcia**, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers were called at 7:47 p.m. Thursday for a

### *Covid* continued from other side

This week's hiatus will lead into the Christmas break, when all schools will be closed until January 4, 2022.

All district Christmas concerts have been postponed and will be rescheduled when the Covid situation improves or will be held virtually. All HAMS athletic events and practices are canceled this week.

reported disturbance in the 300 block of East Seminary. He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 64-year-old Hoopeston man and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Police are investigating** a theft report made at 8:26 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of South First Ave.

## Obituaries

**HUCKLEBY** - Aaron W. Huckleby, 52, of Milford, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 12:30 p.m. memorial service Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Private family graveside service will be held at a later date at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**NOWAK** - Andrew Nowak, 72, of Rossville, formerly of Chicago, died at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

An unidentified person reported that a lock was cut off the shed and items taken.

**Joel A. Garcia-Hernandez**, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 3:06 p.m. Saturday to the 300 block of East Seminary for a domestic disturbance.

## Court Dispositions

**Gregory P. Readdy**, Dwight, failed to appear at initial appearance for possession of cannabis, found guilty by default, fined \$230; status hearing November 10.

**Gregory P. Readdy**, Dwight, failed to appear at initial appearance for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing November 10.

**Juan R. Salas**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for two cases of general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 in both cases plus \$100-per-day abatement order in once case starting October 13. Status hearing November 10.

## Lunch Menus

### John Greer and HAMS closed this week Maple School menu

MONDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, celery sticks, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, baby carrots, apple slices, Veggy Juice, milk

THURSDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce, salad, celery sticks pears, milk

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, chips, baby carrots, grapes, Veggy Juice, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School menu

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken or ham & cheese, salad bar, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Fettuccine Alfredo or Hot Pocket, Max Stick, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: Cook's choice

## Weather

Sunny today. High 50, Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 53, low 47.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is accepting applications for a part time computer technician assistant. Duties include providing desktop support, assisting with infrastructure and A/V projects. <https://phl.applitrack.com/roe54/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Technology>

NAPA Hoopeston is looking for a full time Counter/Delivery person. Successful candidate will be very knowledgeable about automotive/truck parts and computers, able to answer phones and wait on customers. Must do daily and monthly paperwork and be capable of doing all activities the store manager does in case of his absence. ASE certified counter person preferred but not required. If interested, pick up a application at NAPA 226 E Main St. Hoopeston.

Looking for a great job in the medical field? Interested in natural healthcare? Busy chiropractic office needs a team-oriented person with good customer service and phone skills. Candidate will be trained to assist with patient care. Robinson Chiropractic has 4 locations in Illinois: Danville, Hoopeston, Westville, and Watseka. Please send resume to [trina.keller@robchiro.com](mailto:trina.keller@robchiro.com).

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Waste Handlers, \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities](http://www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities) Applications available onsite. EOE

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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