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Let's Be Optimistic

Today as I listen to the news, read the paper and talk with fiends, "optimistic" is not a word we used or brought up! Look around your world, watch the news on TV or your computer. Talk to your neighbors, friends and family. What are they saying? You're right, not a lot of positive, optimistic talk going around. Why is that? Is our world, yours and mine, in a deplorable condition? Meaning very bad, no good, wretched shape! Maybe and maybe not.

For those who know me, I am 98½ % positive all of the time! I got that condition from my Mother, who was the most positive person I have ever known. All of the time! She believed everything would turn out alright and she did everything she could to make it happen one way or the other.

How optimistic are we? Do we believe, no matter what happens, that everything will be OK? Do we sit back, put our feet up and hope it will all work out for the best? Maybe sometime, someday, somehow it will all get done. I've got to be honest here! I've tried that method several times and it really never worked! Wanting something, talking about it, planning for it. Putting my feet up and hoping never quite made it!

You're wondering, "How can I be optimistic and hopeful when I've tried and failed?" What answers do you want? A fairy godmother to wave that magic wand and then everything turns out alright?

Working 50, 60 hours a week and no raise! Helping others with a problem but no one offers to help you when you need it. How can one be optimistic about that? You can when someone gives you a vote of confidence, that is, keep going, don't give up! It's so much better when you have a friend or two walking with you who keep telling you, "I believe in you!" It really works and it makes us feel awesome.

Being optimistic, cheerful and grateful are three words that can and will change your life! First, being optimistic is to expect good things to happen to you. Second, I can be cheerful with a smile and a sunny attitude! Third, I can be grateful for my life, for family, friends and blessings beyond measure. Think about it for a minute or two and smile. Being optimistic can become a way of life, let's try it together, OK?

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Vermilion County multiplier to remain the same at 1.0000

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been Issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would

result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.24 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

See MULTIPLIER on other side

VC Bar Association seeking applicants for scholarship

The Vermilion County Bar Association is accepting applications for one of its \$750 scholarship grants to be awarded in May 2023. Two such grants will be awarded.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a resident of Vermilion County, seeking assistance in any undergraduate or law degree program. Applicants must have earned a 3.0 out of 4.0 (or 4.0 out of 5.0) grade point average, be supported by a letter of recommendation by a teacher or instructor of the applicant and submit a personal, one paragraph statement with his/her request that indicates the student's community involvement and why he/she believes that he/she would be a good recipient of the scholarship.

The application request and supporting documents should be sent to the Vermilion County Bar Association Scholarship c/o Jerry Davis, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 344, Danville, Illinois 61834-0344.

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Sports

Softball

Hoopeston Area girls won big and lost by a little at Saturday's Leroy Triangular, featuring the Lady Cornjerkers, as well as the home team and Cerro Gordo/Bement.

The ladies were on fire as HA defeated Cerro Gordo, 20-2. Macy Warner had three hits, with Alexa Bailey and Maddie Barnes each with two.

Warner had a double and a triple, along with four RBIs and a stolen base.

Bailey had two doubles and one RBI, while Barnes also contributed a double and three RBIs, as well as four steals.

Viviana Zamarripa and Melina Vogel contributed one RBI each, while Tobi West, Jacklyn Resendez each had a stolen base.

On the mound, pitcher Jersey Cundiff had five strikeouts and allowed only three hits.

In Saturday's second game, the girls lost to host LeRoy, 9-4.

Riley Miller had two or more hits, Bailey hit a double and an RBI. Vogel and Miller also had one RBI each. Kayla Recker and Barnes had one steal each, with Warner contributing three.

Barnes was on the mound, where she had three strikeouts.

The girls traveled Monday to face Salt Fork, losing to the storm, 14-7.

Warner and Miller each had three hits, with Bailey at

Multiplier continued from other side

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in November 2022 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are

two. Warner also hit a double and one steal.

Miller led RBIs with four, followed by Barnes with two and Bailey, one.

Barnes took the loss but threw five strikeouts.

The Lady Cornjerkers were back at home Tuesday, where they handily defeated Heritage, 15-3.

eSports



Photos provided

Above, Chase Williams, Jonathan Simonton, and Joseph Lantz of HAHS' Super Smash Bros. team.

Hoopeston Area High School eSports teams currently play through PlayVS a competition platform open to any high school. All matches are played virtually against teams across the states

Hoopeston Area Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team is seeded No. 13 out of 100 teams. Chase Williams, Jonathan Simonton, and Joseph Lantz have secured a spot in the playoffs and will compete in their first playoff game on Wednesday.

Additionally, the Hoopeston Area Madden team,

determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Weather

Sunny today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 52. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 76, low 56.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to justthefacts.net/weather/.

played by Owen Root is seeded No. 5 out of 81 teams. Root will play his first match on Thursday.

This is the second year for the eSports program at Hoopeston Area. Next year, the program will continue to play through PlayVS as well as competing in the IHSA state series.

The program is coached by Kelly Ankenbrand.



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HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 will be accepting applications for summer cleaning crew. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than April 21, 2023.

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for the following position: Substitute Cafeteria Worker (7:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m)

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