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Steve Unger named Hoopeston Area School Board president

The Hoopeston Area School Board has a new face at the helm.

Steve Unger, a board member for 10 years, was unanimously elected board president at Thursday's regular board meeting.

Unger replaces Larry Lobb who was not re-elected.

Mark Wagoner was named board vice-president and current secretary Mark Eighner was renamed to the spot after Lawrence Jahn declined to be nominated.

New board members Russell Walder and Sara Johnson, who, with Jahn and Dwight Judy, were elected April 5, took their seats on the board. Judy was unable to attend Thursday's meeting and is not expected to attend May and June meetings because of scheduling conflicts with his work, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

In unrelated business, the board received the 10-year Life Safety architectural survey which lists maintenance projects that must be done to meet the state Life Safety Code. The study, done by Isaksen-Glerum PC Architects of Urbana, covers such things as heating systems, roofing and electrical. "This will be the blueprint that we go by (for summer repairs and other maintenance)," Conolly said. Board members will review the survey and will vote on approving it next month.

In other discussion, high school principal Hank Hornbeck said Hoopeston Area, along with a couple of



Hoopeston Area School Board members elected April 5 take their seats at Thursday's meeting. Pictured are, from left, Lawrence Jahn, Russell Walder and Sara Johnson. Not pictured is new board member Dwight Judy.

other schools, have expressed concern about sports activities on Wednesday nights. The Vermilion Valley Conference, of which Hoopeston Area is a member, scheduled events for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this year. With Wednesday typically considered church night, the schools have expressed concern about the conflict and will work to avoid it next year.

In related action, the board approved a cooperative soccer venture with Bismarck-Henning. All home games will be played at Hoopeston Area, except one game each year which will be hosted by Bismarck-Henning at Danville Soccer Association facilities. The agreement has already been approved by Bismarck-Henning and the Vermilion Valley Conference but must

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Police News



The owner of Huckleby Auction, 208 N. Market, reported Thursday that someone struck the building, damaging it.

Marcus A. Burke, 21, of 1225 E. Williams St., Danville was arrested at 3:57 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Main. Burke, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A cell phone was found Saturday in the 600 block of East Thompson. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Two 19-year-old men were arrested at 11:49 p.m. Saturday at Rt. 1 and Thompson Ave.

Gerardo L. Martinez of 108 N. Park St., Milford and Adam R. Cluver of 127 Indiana Ave., Westville, were charged with purchase or acceptance

of gift of liquor by persons under 21. Police allege the two were in a black Chevrolet being driven erratically on Rt. 1 and Rt. 9. While northbound on Rt. 1, police said, the vehicle drifted to the side of the road, nearly hitting the curb.

Each was issued a notice to appear. Two female passengers were not charged.

All were released to family members of ma-

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Lafayette, Ind., (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: April 25, Lena

Edwards; April 26, Don and Iris Elliott; April 27, Linda Leigh; April 28, Virginia Hatfield; April 29, Charles Burton.

Items needed

Hoopeston Multi Agency is accepting good used furniture, appliances and household items to help with their street sale. No clothing, please. Items can be dropped off by May 12 at 206 S. First Ave.

For information, call Barb or Susan at 283-5544.

New playgroup meets

A free parent and child playgroup has been started in Hoopeston. The group is for children ages 3-5 years and meets from 10-11

a.m. each Tuesday at the Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

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Obituaries

FLEMING—Cole Daniel Fleming, 19, of Mokena, formerly of Milford died at 2:26 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at home. Funeral ser-

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still be approved by the IHSA, Hornbeck said.

In other action, the board:

- approved resignations from Greg Anvick, Larry Hill, Sally Stipp and Wayne Bandy who are all retiring, along with Mike Penicook, high/middle school dean of students who has accepted a job in Rantoul. Kim Burch resigned as high school cheerleading coach; Carolyn Daniel as middle school cheerleading coach and Kara Haley as junior varsity volleyball coach.

- hired were Amanda Ellis, agriculture (half time); Thomas Rude, high school computer; Allyson Smith, middle school math; Rodney Comstock, bus driver; Daniel and Heidi Crouch, high school cheerleading; John Klaber, head soccer coach and Kevin Root, assistant soccer coach.

vices will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

GIER—Mary A. Gier, 84, of Rankin died at 3:13 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rankin Lions Club or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



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