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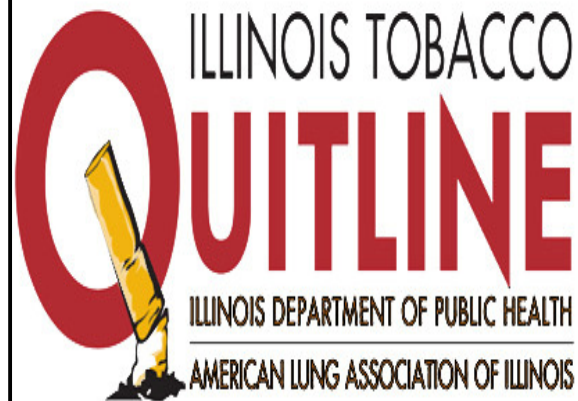
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Band training marches on despite unexpected resignation

Hoopeston Area High School's marching band program will have summer training, despite the unexpected resignation of band director Joe Legg.

Legg's resignation was announced at Thursday night's regular board meeting by Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

Official notice of Legg's resignation was received Thursday, said board President Mark Wagoner. "It was a total surprise."

Newly-named high school principal Larry Maynard immediately began a search for a new band director, scheduling interviews with available candidates, Hornbeck said.

Meanwhile, the district will go ahead with Rookie Camp, for incoming freshman and students new to the district, and Marching Band Camp.

Rookie Camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 28. Marching Band Camp will be 8 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. July 30, 31 and Aug. 2. The evening time for Aug. 1 will be announced later and the evening session on Aug. 3 will be the Parent Preview at 7 p.m.

Scot Danner, former Hoopeston Area student who has worked in the past with the school's drum line, will work with the band, as will the district's new choral instructor, Penny Woolwine.

Along with accepting Legg's resignation, the board also approved resignations from David Bibb, retiring high school biology teacher; Brenda Crusinberry, retiring food service manager; Becky Robinson, part time personal aide; and Bob Luecke as assistant high school football coach.

Jane Hoskins was hired as full time special education aide at Maple and Tim Hillard was named middle school wrestling coach.

The board also approved transferring Frank Fink from

Honeywell custodian to Maple custodian; Beth McCormick from middle school full time personal aide to Maple part time personal aide; Pam Patterson from part- to full-time middle school personal aide; Julie Prince from part- to full-time Maple personal aide; and LeAnne Stebbins from part time middle school PE aide to part time Maple personal aide.

In unrelated business, the board heard from business director Don Dean that district finances are in "decent shape."

Expenses in the three largest funds - education, building and transportation - all came in under budget while income was more than projected.

Receiving a late 2006 payment and an early 2008 payment boosted the bottom line of the education fund to \$1.5 million while a mild winter helped the building fund, which ended the year with a balance of \$121,000.

In the transportation fund, expenses came in less than one percent under budget. Revenue was over budget but included \$67,000 in 2006 revenue.

Dean said the transportation fund will have to be monitored closely in light of fuel costs and also because costs are supposed to be funded by the state at 80 percent. However, he added, sometimes the state funds only 80 percent of original 80 percent, leaving the district to pick up the remainder.

Dean told the board that the district is experiencing "zero growth," with an equalized assessed valuation that rose only half of one percent. While not good news for Hoopeston Area, there is little that can be done. "You just play the hand that's dealt you," he said.

While Hoopeston Area's finances aren't perfect, neither are they as dire as some districts. "Overall, there'd probably be a lot of districts that would like to trade places with us," he said.

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Police News

Marvin M. Hofer, 52, of 528 W. Elm was arrested after an incident at 8 p.m. Thursday at BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main. Hofer was later located and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a notice to appear.

John P. Smith, 42, of 515 S. First Ave., was arrested after an incident at 11:12 p.m. Thursday in the 700 block of East McNeil. A 35-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged Smith struck her several times, then left.

Smith was found and was charged with domestic battery. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

David A. Riley, 24, of 095 N 1700 East Rd., was arrested after an incident at 12:24 a.m. Friday in the 100 block of East Penn.

He was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged

Riley chased him with a bat and tried to run him down with a pickup truck.

The victim refused medical attention.

Riley was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, but not before he was charged in a hit-and-run accident reported at 12:54 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police charged Riley, who was driving a 1982 Chevrolet pickup, with leaving the scene of an accident and failure to stop and give information after striking an unattended vehicle after he allegedly hit a 1998 Chevrolet pickup owned by Sherri D. Boose of Hoopeston.

A 44-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 10:55 a.m. Friday that someone slashed two tires on her 1994 Chevrolet while it was parked in the 200 block of East Penn.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:16 p.m. Friday at McDonald's parking lot, 1016 W. Orange.

Police said Jordan Overlander of Hoopeston, backed a 2000 Chevrolet from a parking space into a 1999 Buick driven by Joyce Ervin, also of Hoopeston, who was stopped behind him.

Deonta J. Bryant, 28, of 1005 Glenwood, Danville,

was arrested at 6:46 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Lincoln. Wanted on a warrant, Bryant was released on \$285 cash bond.

Marissa King, 30, of 204 W. Elm, Ambia, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop for defective equipment at 1:01 a.m. Saturday at North Fifth and East Seminary.

Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/deceptive practice, King was released on \$180 cash bond. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

A 67-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 4 p.m. Saturday that when she went to mow, someone entered her house and took her purse.

The burglary occurred in the 400 block of North Market.

A 64-year-old man reported Sunday that someone took pictures from his vehicle while it was in the 700 block of West Elm. The burglary occurred Friday night or Saturday morning.

Obituaries

GOODRUM - Ervin LeRoy "Roy" Goodrum, 74, of Hoopeston died at 7:53 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church, 423 S. Third St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Lunch Menus

MONDAY: Chopped steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

TUESDAY: Tuna salad/bun, broccoli salad, pickled beets, banana.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, sugar cookie, ambrosia, wheat bread.

All meals include milk.

Weather

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