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Hoopeston Area teachers, board sign two-year contract

New teachers at Hoopeston Area schools will see a \$500 increase in their base salary while experienced teachers have another experience step added to the pay scale.

The Hoopeston Area board, following an executive session Thursday, approved the increases in a two-year contract with the Hoopeston Education Association, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

The HEA approved the deal last week, he said.

The current base salary is \$21,800. The experience step will add approximately \$250 to experienced teachers' pay; the second year of the contract will add \$750 to the base salary, Conolly said.

The base salary affects beginning teachers with no previous experience, he said.

The district has approximately 120 teachers, most of whom belong to the bargaining group. Those teachers who do not belong to the union will also receive the increases, Conolly said.

In related action, the board approved opening the prin-

cipal's position at Honeywell School for applications. "It will add consistency and continuity to the educational process," Conolly said.

For the past several years, Larry Hill has served as principal and Linda Sheppard as dean of students. The two alternated between Honeywell and John Greer, Conolly said.

With the addition of a Honeywell principal, the dead of students job will be eliminated.

The job has been posted outside the district; however, Conolly said at least a half dozen in-district employees have the necessary qualifications to fill the position.

The board will accept applications through July to have a principal hired by the start of school in August.

In other personnel matters, the board:

- increased non-certified wages by 45 cents per hour.
- raised starting salaries for cook, personal aide and secretary to \$7 per hour and teacher aide to \$7.25 per hour.
- approved Adrian Marruffo's resignation as middle school assistant girls track coach.

Hoopeston Area student designated John Mockaitis scholar

A member of the Hoopeston Area class of 2000 has received a special scholarship in memory of a former guidance counselor.

Traci Rudin received the John Mockaitis Memorial Scholarship at the annual Hoopeston Area Awards Night program Monday.

This will be the only year the scholarship will be awarded, said class of 2000 sponsor Dan Reed.

The class of 2000 were freshman when Mr. Mockaitis was named a guidance counselor at Hoopeston Area High School.

Mr. Mockaitis was killed in a traffic accident last

year in Danville.

Other awards presented Monday night include:

DAR Good Citizenship, Traci Rudin.

SAR Good Citizenship, James Bell.

Georgetown Fair Outstanding Young Citizen, Jeremy Hott, Ashlee Brown.

American Legion Distinguished Achievement Awards, Theresa King, John Klaber.

VFW Outstanding Male Athlete Award, James Bell.

Principal's Leadership Award, Tyson Hollen. More awards will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Selections for Memorial Day

- Silk stone saddles, hanging baskets, wreaths, vases, pots—all colors
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 - Urns with silk or flowering plants
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-Briefly

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The phone books may be picked up at the office, 206 S. First Ave., or delivered to residents' homes.

Tetanus/diptheria clinic

The Vermilion County Health Department will offer a one-day tetanus/diptheria immunization clinic for adults. Anyone who is 23 years old or older is encouraged to take advantage of the walk-in clinic.

Immunizations will be given from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1 at the health department, 200 S. College, Suite A, Danville. Cost is \$6.

Tetanus booster shots are recommended every 10 years throughout life. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (217) 431-2662.

T-ball

Any child who missed T-ball sign-up is asked to call

New books at the library



Non-fiction:

It's a Mom Thing by Kendra Smiley One Hundred Jobs by Ron Howell Outdoor Careers by Ellen Shenk

So, You Want to Join the Peace Corps by Dillon Banerjee

Fibroids by Johanna Skilling

A Garden of Fragrance by Suzanne Frutig Bales

Police News



Summer M. Handy, 18, of 725 S. First Ave., was arrested at 10 p.m. Sunday at her home. Handy was arrested on Vermilion County warrants, including a criminal felony warrant for failure to appear for a jury trial and failure to appear on a village ordinance violation. She was also wanted on an Iroquois County criminal misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear on the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Handy was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Ask for Chalmers or Susan at 283-5544.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 24.

Career camps

The Career Prep department at Danville Area Community College will offer a Career Camp for students who have completed grades 5-7. The camp, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 7-11, will give students the opportunity to explore different career pathways.

Career Camp is designed to showcase local occupations, tour local business/industry sites and develop soft skills through hands-on learning experiences. While exploring careers, campers will spend the morning at DACC completing relevant career activities. Lunch and tour transportation will be provided.

The cost is \$50 per student or \$25 per student if on a reduced lunch. Scholarships are available on a first-come basis for students on free lunch.

For scholarship or camp information, call Pat Shedlock at (217) 443-8586.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital May 18

Admitted: Mary Kuntz, Rankin.

Discharged: none.

May 19

Admitted: Ora Gray, Richard Swope, Hoopeston. **Discharged**: Mary Kuntz, Louise Heitsman.

May 20

Admitted: Catherine Morts, Milford.

Discharged: none.

May 21

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Catherine Morts.

Weather



Partly cloudy, chance of showers today and tonight. High 85, low 58. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 82, low 58.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

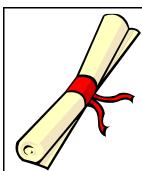
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