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classes while still in high school.

be added to the list next fall.

which are paid by each district.

be offered at the high school.

shifted to DACC this year.

In unrelated business, the board:

working, marketing, criminal justice, drafting, child and

day care services, electronics, fire science, graphic de-

sign, health occupations, horticulture, information tech-

nology, manufacturing and welding. Culinary arts will

Two courses - graphic design and health occupations -

Students earn college credits without the cost. "DACC

has been very generous," Smoot said, charging half the

regular \$72 per credit hour cost plus fees and books

Currently, 27 Hoopeston Area students are enrolled in

the program, Smoot said. The majority - 22 - are en-

rolled in the classes offered locally, prompting board

President Mark Wagoner to ask how more classes could

Smoot replied that 10-12 students must sign up for a

class and Hoopeston Area must provide the equipment,

leaving DACC to find instructors, which is sometimes

difficult. Last year, she said, the criminal justice pro-

gram was offered at Hoopeston. The first instructor

hired quit, as did a second, causing the program to be

• Approved a District Improvement Plan for special

education. A plan was needed because special education

are offered at the high school, while the others are of-

fered at Danville Area Community College.

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• Heard from Dan Walder, coordinator of the summer ery System (VVEDS) spoke at Thursday's Hoopeston migrant program, that fewer students are expected this Area School Board meeting about College Express, a year. Last year, Hoopeston Area received some students program that allows juniors and seniors to take college from the Watseka area after migrant program boundaries were changed. However, Walder said, some stu-Students may choose from 15 occupational courses, dents who did not meet requirements limiting the numincluding auto body, auto mechanics, computer netber of years participating in the program, were admitted.

• Approved resignations of Edward Capocy, high school biology teacher and coach; Sherlynn Johnson, retiring from Honeywell: Joe Davis as high school wrestling coach; and Jonathan Layden, freshman boys basketball coach.

• Approved hiring non-tenured teachers Mary Lou Brackmann, Brianne Dilbeck, Jennifer Ellis, Ashley Farrell, Ryan High, Carlee Johnson, Kris Kellerhals, Jodie King, Clint Mathewson, Barbara Nuetzmann, Nikki Pruemer, Jamie Pruitt, Wendy Ronna, Kori Smith, Mary Smith, Stephen Wanderlich, Penny Woolwine, Daphne High, Heather Ohlemeyer, Jeff Ohlemeyer, Allyson Anderson, Sherree Benjamin, Amanda Ellis, Dawn Ferguson, Jana Fesser, John Klaber, Jamie Miller, Mitchell Pruemer, Eric Zorns and Kara Haley.

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Minick, Mayor's Youth Council awarded for volunteer efforts in Hoopeston community

A local resident and a community organization received awards from Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs' MAPPING the Future of Your Community program for their efforts to improve the quality of life in their community. Jean Minick, Hoopeston community resident and VISTA volunteer with the City of Hoopeston received the 2008 Vision to Action Community Champion Award, and the Mayor's Youth Council received the 2008 Vision to Action Award for Community Teamwork at IIRA's 19th Annual Conference for Rural Community Economic

Development. Jean and the Council were nominated by a Hoopeston resident and were selected by MAPPING staff from a group of nominees. The conference is sponsored by Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Governor's Rural Affairs Council and Rural Partners. MAPPING (Management and Planning Program Involving Non-metropolitan Groups), a communitydriven strategic visioning and planning program at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University, began presenting awards at the annual conference two years ago to honor outstanding rural community organizations and volunteers in MAPPING communities for their community and economic devel-

opment efforts. Other awards presented at this year's conference included "Innovative Project" to 321 Art Gallery, Savanna and "Professional Partner" to Sara



Timothy K. Boose, 22, of Hoopeston was arrested at 5:05 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with domestic battery after police received a 911 hang-up call. Officers responded to the scene and arrested Boose, who was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a bond hearing. **Two teens were** arrested on an alcohol charge after a traffic stop at 9:10 p.m. Monday at Third Ave. and Maple.

Arrested were Dylin James Deline, 17 and Apolinar Solis, 18, both of Hoopeston. Each was charged with illegal acceptance or purchase of alcohol by a minor and was released on a notice to appear.

Obituaries

MINICK

Police News

ALLISON - Debra Allison, 53, of Rossville died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Alvin Church of God. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville, was in charge of arrangements.

BAUMGARTNER - Lila L. Baumgartner, 78, of Watseka died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka and one hour before service Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Mrs. Baumgartner is survived by a son, Bill Decker of Milford.

MISKULIN - Michael J. Miskulin, 86, of Manteno, formerly of Wellington died at 6:55 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2008 at Illinois Veterans Home, Manteno. Funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with graveside rites by Milford and Watseka American Legion posts. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 52. Tonight, showers likely. Low 37. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 50, low 36.

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Montemayor, Corporation for National and Community Service.

"A community's greatest asset is its people and this is no exception in the City of Hoopeston," says Gisele Hamm, Manager, MAPPING program. "Hoopeston can be proud that two of the Vision to Action Awards were presented to their community this year." The community has many great residents that work daily to improve the living and working environment in the City. Jean Minick and the youth involved in the Mayor's Youth Council exemplify the enthusiasm, passion, dedication, hard work, innovation, and vision that are needed to revitalize the City of Hoopeston. Both Jean and the Youth Council have worked hard on development efforts resulting in accomplishments that would not be possible without their drive and dedication to improve the community through new ideas and new initiatives. From developing a community wide vision, to conducting a housing assessment, to establishing a mentoring program through Big Brothers Big Sisters, to creating a Youth Center on Saturday nights, the quality of life in Hoopeston has been enhanced as a result of their efforts.



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