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Representative explains high school credit recovery program

In an effort to keep students from dropping out, Hoopeston Area High School Principal Larry Maynard is recommending an online program that will allow students to earn credits they may be lacking.

At Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, Maynard introduced Kelly Clark, representative for EdOptions, a Virginia-based company that provides online courses often used for summer school.

Clark outlined EdOptions' program, which offers summer and year-round online course options to school districts. Students are able to work at their own pace and may work from computers anywhere, including at home.

The program will be offered to students this summer. Unlike previous years, this year, students will have summer school online and will be able to take up to two courses, Maynard said.

Cost for participation is \$100 per student, which includes the \$50-per-student cost of the program plus the cost of a teacher to monitor the classroom, he said.

The Regional Office of Education has approved a grant for the program, but it is a reimbursement grant, which will pay after the cost of the program has already been paid. The grant will not cover the salary of the

teacher, Maynard said.

No more than 20 students may participate in the program this summer, but Maynard hopes EdOptions can become a permanent part of the high school, allowing students to work before or after school to recover lost credits.

Clark said school districts use EdOptions both for credit recovery and also as a way to get students up to speed, helping districts meet Annual Yearly Progress statistics mandated in the federal No Child Left Behind act. The program curriculum is developed by teachers and correlated with state standards.

The company also has programs for adult learners and home-schooling, Clark said.

In related business, Maynard told the board that a practice session Thursday for this week's Prairie State Achievement test went well.

Juniors will take the test Wednesday and Thursday. The class will be divided between St. Anthony Parish Hall and the Methodist church for their testing. About 80 students will be taking the test, whose scores determine whether the school meets requirements under No Child Left Behind.

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Police News



Jarred I. Stone, 26, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 8:49 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Main. He was charged with assault on a complaint from a 16-year-old boy who alleged Stone approached him in a threatening manner with a knife in his and, while yelling at him.

When police found Stone, they alleged he had prescription medication and cannabis were found in his vehicle. He was additionally with possession of a controlled substance and possession of cannabis.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Obituaries

ROMINE - Robert Romine, 65, of Defiance, Ohio, formerly of the Hoopeston area, died at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in Venice, Fla. Service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

School continued from other side

In other business, Superintendent Hank Hornbeck said the district received a certificate of financial recognition “because of our good stewardship.” Considering current economic conditions, the award “is a nice feather in our cap,” he added.

In unrelated discussion, the board:

- Heard from board member Russ Walder that the extra-curricular committee will not add girls soccer for now. Requests had been made to add the sport but it would compete with softball and girls track. “We pretty well have a full plate right now,” Walder said.

- Heard from Walder that scoreboards in the gym and football field, as well as the football sound system are “showing their age.” The committee plans to meet with music and sports booster groups to discuss purchasing new equipment.

- Approved hiring Russ Leigh & Associates for the annual audit at a cost not over \$5,100.

- Learned that John Greer secretary Dana Knoll was named Hoopeston Education Association Friends and Advocates winner and that Margaret Mulcahey was

Scott J. Howe, 23, of Hoopeston turned himself in to police at 10:57 a.m. Friday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to Iroquois County Jail.

Humberto S. Mendez, 30, of Hoopeston was arrested at 6:12 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of East Main. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear for theft, he was taken to Iroquois County Jail in lieu of bond.

Briefly

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office
- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, grade school library
- Hoopeston Police Commission, 9:30 a.m. Monday, City Hall
- Hoopeston City Council budget meeting, 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, City Hall

named Golden Apple winner.

- Approved hiring a list non-certified staff.
- Approved hiring Jacob LeClair, Honeywell third grade; Johanna Windish, high school biology/drama director; Jennifer Anderson, fifth grade girls basketball coach; Clinton Mathewson and Suzi Root, sixth grade boys basketball coach.

- Approved resignations from Sherry Miller, first grade teacher, who is retiring and Tim Hillard as middle school wrestling coach.

- Approved intent-to-retire letters from Susan Green, high school child development/clothing/foods/child care teacher; Cindy Masengale, librarian; and Dan Reed, speech/media teacher.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, cloudy. Low 55. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 77, low 54.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:48 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital parking lot, 701 E. Orange. Police said Dawn M. Staley, of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Buick, struck metal support poles for a utility pole there.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:25 p.m. to LS Diesel, 220 N. Tenth Ave., after a nearby resident reported an audible alarm sounding. Officers noticed a strong smell of electrical burning from the building, resulting in the fire department being sent to investigate. No injuries or damage were reported.

The department's rescue squad and Hoopeston Ambulance were sent at 5:42 a.m. Sunday to a rollover accident one and a half miles south of Hoopeston on Rt. 1. A man was trapped in the vehicle.

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