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## School board approves two-year salary pact with teachers

Hoopeston Area teachers will get a \$750 boost to their base salary this year and an \$820 increase next year in a contract approved by the board Thursday evening.

The agreement brings the new year's base salary to \$27,525 for the 2009-10 year and \$28,345 in 2010-11, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

Negotiations between the board and union went well, according to both sides. "I've been here, it seems like forever," said Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, HEA president. "It's probably been 25 years since we've had a process that went so professionally," she said.

Another HEA member, Barb Park, thanked the board for showing the union respect during the negotiation process.

This year's negotiations were unlike those in 2006, when teachers started the year without a contract and held informational pickets outside the high school for several days.

In other action, the board approved resignations from Amanda Ellis Hobbs, high school agriculture/FFA advisor and Nikki Pruemer, head high school volleyball coach. Patricia McNeely was honorably dismissed as part time high school aide. Transfers for Barbara Garner from high school science to librarian and Julie Prince from Maple personal aide to kindergarten supervised recess were also approved.

New staff was also hired, including Jena Schaumburg, Honeywell third grade; Melissa Eissing, Honeywell special ed aide; Rusty Franklin, Maple custodian; Ken Landsdown, high school personal aide; Jennifer Anderson, seventh grade girls basketball coach; and Reaine Wilson, high school volleyball coach.

In unrelated business, the board:  
 • heard from high school principal Larry Maynard that 85 percent of this year's graduating class plan to attend a

two- or four-year college or enter the military. The high school now has a Facebook page to keep in touch with graduates, in part to get their opinions on how well the school does at preparing them for life outside high school.

- Heard from middle school principal Anne Burton that, unofficially, the school made annual yearly progress on state testing.
- Hornbeck said Honeywell and John Greer also unofficially made AYP. Maple does not test and results are not yet available for the high school, he said.

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## Police News



A **14-year-old** boy was charged with criminal damage to auto over \$300 at 4:03 p.m. June 15 in the 700 block of North Seventh St.. The boy was charged on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston man but police said the boy admitted to damaging other vehicles.

He was released to a parent; a juvenile petition was filed.

**Jeffery T. Smith**, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of East Thompson. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$300 cash bond.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 4:24 p.m. Tuesday that someone took a CD player from his vehicle while it was in his driveway in the 600 block of East Thompson.

**Angela D. Hasbargen**, 39, of Hoopeston, turned herself

in to police at 3:04 p.m. Wednesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County felony warrant for failure to appear/jury trial for residential burglary, she was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of \$4,000 cash bond.

A **black Samsung** cell phone was found at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**David W. Morlan**, 54, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 8:19 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. He was charged with aggravated battery after he allegedly struck an employee while he was being treated after he fell off his bicycle. Morlan was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**Delia G. Tapia**, 33, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 7:40 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, she was

released on \$300 cash bond.

**Alan K. Morgan**, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 10 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of South Fifth St. He was charged with violation of probation, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**Robert L. McGill**, 43, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 10:39 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/driver failure to wear seatbelt when required, he was released on \$144 cash bond.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8:55 a.m. Friday that someone took her purse from her vehicle while it was in the 100 block of North Market.

A **19-year-old** woman reported Friday that sometime after midnight Thursday, someone took her GPS system from her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of East Main.

A **37-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 5:25 p.m. Saturday that someone took a laptop computer from her vehicle while it was in the 400 block of West Penn.

## Lunch Menus



### CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Beef stew, baked potato, apple, sugar cookie, wheat bread

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, baked beans, slaw, orange, cupcake

WEDNESDAY: Chicken parmesan, penne pasta, broccoli, applesauce, wheat bread

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, gravy, corn, whipped potatoes, grape juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Chicken jambalaya, apple, chocolate pudding, wheat bread

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## Put out the light

Hoopeston Fire Department cleans up a gas spill at the scene of an accident at 12:27 p.m. Tuesday at Third St. and Main. Police said Nancy J. Smith, 63, of Hoopeston, was eastbound in a 2001 Ford Taurus when she hit a 1990 Chevrolet 1500 driven by Alan Morgan, 48, also of Hoopeston, causing Morgan's truck to spin and hit a light pole in front of the Lorraine Theatre. Smith was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to yield/turning left. Hoopeston Ambulance for Smith but was released without taking her to the hospital. CIPS also responded.

## Obituaries

**FOWLER** - Doyle L. Fowler Sr., 52, of Milford, died at 6:16 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at home. Graveside service was at 1 p.m. Saturday at Aroma Township Cemetery, Aroma Park. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Friday at Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to Doyle L. Fowler Memorial Fund.

**RODGERS** - Norma Rodgers, 50, of Hoopeston, died at 2:21 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at home. She will be cremated. There will be no services. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## School continued from other side

- Approved Mark Eighner as district treasurer.
- Approved student handbooks for Maple, Honeywell, John Greer and the middle school. The high school's was approved in May.
- Approved meeting times and dates. Meetings will now begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m., and all but the November meeting will be held the third Thursday of each month.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 89. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 69. Tomorrow, sunny. High 90, low 70.

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