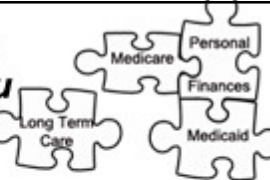


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## Hoopeston Area grows FFA program with new greenhouse

Hoopeston Area High School's FFA program will get a new greenhouse, thanks to a financing agreement approved by the district board Thursday.

The board unanimously approved the agreement, which calls for the FFA to repay \$64,095 in expenses for the greenhouse.

The board approved purchasing a greenhouse from International Greenhouse Company of Washington state for not more than \$25,735 and will install it for \$18,750 or less. Silver Brothers will do ground preparation and concrete work at a cost not to exceed \$14,860. R&M Electrical will do the electrical work associated with the greenhouse for no more than \$4,750.

Emily McCray, FFA advisor and district ag teacher, presented board President Russell Walder with a \$25,000 check towards the cost at Thursday's board meeting. The group will pay \$10,000 for each of the next four years to pay off the debt, Hornbeck said.

Hoopeston Area Future Farmers of America raises money by assisting with tractor pulls in Rossville. Funds for the greenhouse have also come from Rossville-based Cadle Foundation

The greenhouse is the latest effort to boost the high school's ag/FFA program. The first was to convert the former bus garage into a shop area for the classes and building a new bus garage/district office.

In other business, the board:

- Approved resignations from Hope Bishop, middle school classroom aide, and Michael McDermaid, sixth



FFA advisor/ag teacher Emily McCray presents Hoopeston Area board President Russell Walder with a check for \$25,000 to be used towards a new greenhouse.

grade boys basketball coach, at the end of the year; and of second grade teacher Ashley Blotcky, effective immediately.

- Honorably dismissed Scott Pittman at the end of the school year.

- Hired Jeffrey Blankenship, driver's ed teacher, assistant high school baseball coach, freshman boy's basketball coach; Tiffany Cox, first grade teacher; Laura Behrends, fifth grade girls basketball coach; Logan Patton, Maple PE teacher; Jane Sweeney, John Greer speech coach; Jillian Caughron, second grade teacher; Cayla Knight, middle school personal aide; and Janet

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Police said Libbie M. Goble, 17, of Rossville, in a 2005 Chrysler, struck a Pontiac driven by Kaytelyn M. Cappelano, on Rt. 9 near Casey's General Store.

The vehicles were driven from the scene.

A 40-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 7:59 p.m. Saturday that someone spray painted her garage in the 500 block of West Maple.

## Hoopeston Area continued from other side

Elliott, Maple personal aide.

• Approved an intent to retire from third grade teacher Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin at the end of the

## Fire Calls



Hoopeston and Rossville fire departments were called at 12:02 p.m. Saturday to a house fire .5 mi. south of Route 9 on 1700 East Rd. The house was vacant at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported.

2014-15 year.

• Approved transferring Jon Layden from paid school assistant boys basketball coach to volunteer

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