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## Forget your homework assignment? There's an app for that

Two Hoopeston Area High School teachers are piloting a program that reminds students of their homework assignments.

English teacher Ashley Gondzur and science teacher Adam Elliott have been testing Remind 101, a texting program.

Elliott said the program allows teachers to communicate with students and parents via text or email in a totally secure way.

Remind 101 communicates one way - from teacher to students and parents - but parents and students may not respond, Gondzur said.

Each of the classes involved in the program has a unique code, which allows a teacher to send messages specific to that class. Also, while teachers use their cell phones, Remind 101 creates a unique phone number that shows up in the text messages, not the teacher's actual cell number.

Student response has been "unanimously positive," Elliott said. Of his 31 biology students, 15 students and six parents have signed up. Only nine of 79 general science freshmen have signed up.

Both teachers sought feedback from students. One area where students commented was in the timing of the messages. Elliott sent his messages out in late afternoon, while Gondzur was doing hers later in the



Ashley Gondzur and Adam Elliott, Hoopeston Area High School teachers, give a presentation to the district board Thursday about a program they've been piloting, Remind 101.

evening.

Students liked the earlier messages better because if they had forgotten a book, they could return to school and hopefully enter while the building was still open for extracurricular activities, or could borrow one from a friend and still get their assignment done.

One reason Remind 101 was piloted is because the district technology committee found not everyone has a computer but nearly everyone has a phone capable of texting, Elliott said. "It's a really handy tool

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## Pedal pushers

Winners of the Family Health Care of Hoopeston Sweet Corn Festival drawing for bicycles and helmets are front, from left, Johanna Gash, ladies bike/helmet; Tasha Piper, girl's bike/helmet; and Luke Galloway, men's bike/helmet. In back, from left, Valarie Paulson Hinkle, Dr. Adree Venatta, Kelli Vaughn, Nurse Practitioner Not pictured: Jaime Neathery winner of boys bike and helmet.

Photo contributed



## Police News



**Vickie Ford**, 55, of Hoopeston, was treated at Hoopeston Hospital, then ticketed for domestic battery after an incident at 5:12 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of South Market.

Police said Ford was treated for a leg wound she may have received during the incident. She was then charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 60-year-old Hoopeston man.

Ford was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Timothy Hicks**, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:40 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of West Penn.

He was preliminarily charged with criminal sexual assault on a complaint from a 23-year-old Danville woman who alleged an assault occurred several hours before.

Hicks was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

## Classifieds

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Joaquin Grandados**, Hoopeston, status update September 5.

**Nicholas Coleman**, Hoopeston, status update October 3.

**Cheyenne Lee**, Hoopeston, status update October 3/  
**Skyler Burke**, Hoopeston, status update September 5.

## Homework continued from other side

all around," he added.

In other tech-related news, the district app is now available. It can be found at HA Cornjerkers in the app store. Those who installed an earlier version may have to update and/or delete and reinstall.

Also, the district's new website is up and running and available at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

## Weather



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