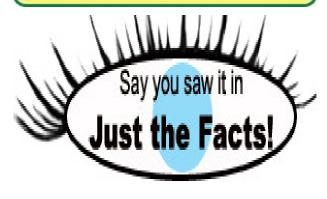


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# HA School Board approves calendar, grade weighting

Several housekeeping items were approved at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

The board approved the high school policy manual, the 2014-15 school calendar and fiscal year 2015 board meeting dates.

Also approved was weighted grading for advanced classes. School officials hope students will take more difficult classes, which will have a higher point value, rather than taking easier classes in an effort to keep up

their grade point averages.

In other business, board member Lisa Leigh, reporting for the building and grounds committee, said 14 summer workers will be hired for summer projects. Those projects will include new doors and windows at the high school, middle school and John Greer. Leigh also reported that a new scoreboard was installed at the baseball field just in time for regional competition.

See BOARD on other side



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# Saying goodbye

Chelsea Gossett, valedictorian of Hoopeston Area High School's Class of 2014, gives her speech at Sunday's graduation, as Caitlyn Bekkering and Jaidi Gossett look on.

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### **Police News**



**Susan Ingerham**, of Cissna Park, was taken to Hoopeston Hospital after a one-vehicle accident at 9:22 a.m. Sunday.

Police said Ingerham, in a 2013 Ford Explorer, was southbound on Rt. 1 just north of West Thompson when she lost control of her vehicle, crossed the northbound lane and went into the ditch on the East side of Rt. 1.

No tickets were issued.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 2:40 p.m. Sunday at Third St. and East McCracken. Police said Kali McCormick, of Hoopeston, was southbound on North Third and did not see James A.

Kettlewell, of Champaign, in a 2005 Pontiac Vibe, as she entered the intersection.

**Michelle E. Seat**, 19, of East Lynn, was ticketed for failure to yield following an accident at 4:14 p.m. Sunday at Sixth Ave. and Orange.

Police said Seat, in a 2006 Lincoln, was southbound, stopped at the intersection, then pulled out westbound, striking Jesus Gomez, of Hoopeston, in a 2001 Mercury van.

**A black and blue** Huffy bicycle was found Sunday in the 100 block of South First Ave. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

### **Board** continued from other side

Board member Lawrence Jahn reported that the technology committee recommends that a Bring Your Own Device program implemented at Honeywell be implemented district-wide and that John Greer will conduct a pilot program of one-to-one chrome books to students.

In other business, the board:

- Approve Russ Leigh & Associates for the annual audit for not more than \$6,100.
- Heard from principals about changes in policy manuals for all buildings except the high school.
- Heard from Supt. Hank Hornbeck that Cunningham Children's Home will open a day school in the former Rossville-Alvin Grade School. Hornbeck said Hoopeston Area may send some students there instead of to Vermilion Area Special Education (VASE) in Danville.
- Heard from Principal Linda Sheppard that Honeywell was named a Spotlight School and received an Academic Achievement award from the state.

#### **Obituaries**

**POLSON** - Junior "Gene" Polson, 68, of Hoopeston, died at 12 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

#### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 82, low 58.

- Hired Jessica Watson as Maple part time personal aide until the end of the year.
- Approved Devin McFadden as high school volley-ball team volunteer for the 2014 year; transferred Ross Bryll from high school assistant boys basketball coach to head coach of high school girls varsity basketball; and accepted resignations of Jeff Alexander, eighth grade boys basketball coach and shane Drayer, seventh grade girls basketball coach.
- Dismissed Nolan Gonzalez, effective April 24.
- Approved the 2014-15 list of noncertified staff.

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