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## Early morning hacking awakens HA families to fake news

Hoopeston Area parents are asking how much personal information was stolen in an early morning computer hack Monday.

The hack began at about 3:15 a.m. Many teachers reported receiving one message but families on the district's instant notification system reported receiving as many as 20 notifications. Purportedly from district officials, topics ranged from school being closed this week to reelecting

Donald Trump in 2020 to Suzzette Hesser's resignation as superintendent.

Hesser awakened district computer staff to begin investigating the hacking. Hoopeston police were also notified.

At 6:20 a.m. Monday, Hesser emailed a press release to media stating:

"On September 3, 2018, at approximately 3:15 a.m.,  
 See HACK on other side

### From the Blotter

**Jorge Antuna**, 40, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:55 p.m. August 29 for two motorcycles driving at a high rate of speed in the 700 block of West Main. Antuna, located at Dollar General, was charged with driving while license suspended and no proof of insurance and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 8:42 p.m. August 29 at Second Ave. and Orange.

Police said Christina Brumett, 19, of Bismarck, in a 2016 Hyundai, turned left off West Orange and struck a 2004 Cadillac driven by Jared Kellogg, 17, of Hoopeston, who was stopped at the stop sign in the southbound lane.

**A 28-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 2:52 p.m. Thursday that his immigration card was lost or stolen.

Police are investigating a report made by a 59-year-old Parkview Court resident who alleged at 6:27 p.m. Thursday that his debit card was used without his permission.

**Terry L. Williams**, 29, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 9:02 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

**Shawn Hurt**, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:48 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**A 53-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 10:35  
 See POLICE on other side



Photo contributed

### Pedal power

Five-year-old Adam Eyrich, on a pedal tractor, follows the steam engine along Saturday's National Sweetcorn Festival Grand Parade route. Adam, son of Jeff and Bethany Eyrich of Georgia, pedaled from Main and Third St. to McFerren Park, stopping only after the steam engine - manned by his dad, and grandfather Steve Eyrich - was in its rightful place.

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## Miss Louisiana named Sweetheart

Kaitryana Michelle Leinbach, Miss Louisiana, was selected as the 2018 National Sweetheart Sunday night.

Leinbach attends Louisiana State University, Ogden Honors College, where she majors in chemical engineering and physical theater/aerial performance. She plans to be an environmental compliance consultant to ensure corporations keep environmental commitments to a cleaner earth.

As her talent, the 21-year-old performed an aerial silks routine to a medley from Game of Thrones.

Leinbach has wanted to compete in the National Sweetheart Pageant since her mother, Carla, formerly of Sullivan, told her stories of attending the National Sweetcorn Festival and pageant as a child.

First runner-up is Rebecca Potts, California; second, Baylee Capri Simpson, New York; third, Shivali Kadam, Oregon; and fourth, Alex Francke, Kentucky.

## Police continued from other side

a.m. Sunday that someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of East Main.

A 45-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:19 a.m. Sunday that medication was missing from her home in the 500 block of North Fourth St.

A wallet belonging to Angelo Cipra was turned in to police at 1:30 p.m. Monday. He may claim it there.

A 33-year-old St. Joseph man reported at 1:45 p.m. Monday that his iPhone was taken from McFerren Park.

Robert Irvin, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:29 p.m. Monday to McFerren Park.

A registered sex offender, he was charged with child sex offender loitering in public park and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Scott T. Gililispie, 42, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 3:20 p.m. Monday to the 900 block of East Young about a burglary.

## Hack continued from other side

the Hoopeston Area School District website was hacked with pictures and repeated emergency callout messages to district families. The website is now secured and the website address of the person(s) causing the disruption is being investigated. Superintendent Suzzette Hesser said, “I apologize for the inconvenience this breach has caused our families, staff, and community.

We are working to ensure that this disruption will not happen again and that the person(s) involved are held

Police allege Gillispie was in possession of the stolen items and charged with burglary. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Several items were turned in to police, all found at McFerren Park during the National Sweetcorn Festival. The list includes:

- 3 pairs of prescription glasses
- 2 cell phones
- Brown wallet
- Debit card under the name of Cheyanne Williams
- Set of keys
- Remote control, possibly for a car stereo
- Pair of sunglasses

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:40 p.m. Monday at McFerren Park. Police said Diane Obernuefemann, in a 2001 Toyota, pulled forward from a parking area and hit a 2005 Sion XB driven by Helen Carswell.

legally responsible.”

Despite claims by the hacker(s) that personal student information was stolen, in a post on the district website, Hesser said no student data was taken in the hacking.

The event is leaving families wondering how the hacking happened. Some have wondered whether it is related to the district’s new website and whether Aptegy, the company that did it and several other county schools’ websites, have stringent enough security in place.

## From the Blotter

BARKER - Florence Barker, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 11:20 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

COX - Robin Lee Cox Sr., 69, Hoopeston, died at 12:58 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He was cremated. No service is scheduled. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

INGRAM - James David Ingram, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 1:55 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 at home. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Thursday at First Church of God, Hoopeston. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the church, 1004 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

WEATHERS - Tracy Lee Weathers, 75, of Bismarck, died at 10:43 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. celebration of his life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association.

WILLARD - Raymond Dale Willard, 93, of Hoopeston, formerly of rural Rossville, died at 6:08 a.m. Sat-

urday, Sept. 1, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Rossville American Legion Post 733, Rossville Historical Society or Rossville Fire Protection District.

ZAMARRIPA - Rafael Zamarripa, 62, of Hoopeston, died at 6:35 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice.

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### Cub Scout signups scheduled

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For more information, call Christie or Jim Pancake, (217) 260-6238 or (217) 274-3927 or email hoopeston-pack118@gmail.com.

### Used tire collection

A used tire collection will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 in the McFerren Park Annex (tractor pull area). Use West Maple St. annex entrance only. Entrance from the park will not be allowed—the park will be an exit only.

## Weather

Mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms today. High 89. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 67. Tomorrow, storms likely, mostly cloudy late. High 77, low 64.

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