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Hoopeston Area Supt. Suzzette Hesser waves at the 2019 AASA national conference in Los Angeles, Calif.

Supt. Hesser receives certification at national conference

Valentine's Day was especially sweet for Hoopeston Area Supt. Suzzette Hesser. The sweetness did not come from a heart-shaped box of chocolates, however.

On February 14, Hesser was awarded National Superintendent Certification by AASA. Formerly known as American Association of School Administrators, the group is now AASA The School Superintendent Association.

Hesser is one of only 85 superintendents in the nation to have earned the certification.

To become certified, Hesser participated in two-year-program made up of more than 80 hours of in-person

workshops focused on improving student outcomes and one-on-one mentoring, along with completing a major Capstone Project, which she presented and was peer reviewed at the conference.

Her Capstone Project highlighted "the incredible work of the staff at Hoopeston Area in addressing the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students through a whole child approach," she said.

Included in that approach are support systems such as establishing an on-site mental health clinic, district-wide study of Youth Mental Health First Aid and Trauma-

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FFBT drawing winners
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Music Moolah winners
 Recent winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Moolah Raffle are: Feb. 14, Milton Shannon, \$50; Feb. 15, Tammy Jerome, \$25; Feb. 16, Amy Martinez, \$25; Feb. 17, Tara Shields, \$25; Feb. 18, Kim Fink, \$25; Feb. 19, An-

Obituaries
BUSHMAN - Mark Andrew Bushman, 60, of Champaign, died at 2:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 307 W. Weldon St., Roberts. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will follow in Lyman Township Cemetery, Roberts. Memorials are suggested to Feed the Children, 333 N. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

drea Glotzbach, \$25 and Feb. 20, Pam Barker, \$25.
Grave blanket removal
 Grave blankets will be picked up at Floral Hill Cemetery beginning March 8, weather permitting.

From the Blotter
Bridget Strawser, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 1:24 a.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of East Penn.

Arrested on preliminary charges of illegal transportation of alcohol by passenger, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia, she was released on notices to appear.
A black Razor bicycle was found Wednesday and taken to the police station. The owner may identify and claim it there.

Hesser continued from other side
 Informed Practices, and the Orange Frog Workshop for students and staff, she added.

Hesser said the certification process benefits both her and the district. It benefits the district because "The idea of supporting the mental health of our staff and now students through the Orange Frog came from these experiences with AASA," she said.

On a personal level, "The motto at Hoopeston Area is "Always Learning, Always Growing," she said. "For me, pursuing this program, and the support it offers, is a way to live out that motto. I have so much to learn and a desire to continue improving! When I was a teacher at John Greer, I went through the process to become a nationally certified teacher through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for the same reasons. Giving our community the best I have to offer by continually working with others, both here and around the country, is important."

Hesser said district funds were not used for the conference in Los Angeles, Calif. "While I was the only superintendent in my program who did this, I respect that our district and community support my taking the financial responsibility for this opportunity," she said.

Weather
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