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**Board Candidate Forum**

7 p.m. March 20  
The Lorraine Theatre

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## Hesser, Hoopeston Area to part ways at school year's end

Hoopeston Area schools and the district superintendent will part ways at the end of the school year.

At a special meeting Sunday night, the board approved a mutual separation agreement although Hesser's name was not part of the official action.

On a motion from board President Mark Schaumburg and seconded by Lawrence Jahn, the board voted unanimously to accept the agreement.

A press release issued after the meeting said both Hesser and the board decided to end their contractual relationship on June 30.

The board and Hesser met in the district office at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The board immediately went into closed session and Hesser left the conference room, going to her adjacent office.

At about 8 p.m., Hesser returned to the conference room and shortly after, the board came out of executive session and approved the separation agreement. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The press release, which was to be distributed to



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staff Monday, states that "it is important to the parties that this is not a result of fault or misconduct, but rather a mutual agreement after a number of unrelated, unusual and distracting personnel issues, difference in educational philosophies and the Superintendent's desire to explore other educational opportunities."

In the press release, the board acknowledged Hesser's contributions to the district, including improved school safety and implementing policies for the betterment of staff and recruitment efforts. She also engaged the community to focus on mental health and trauma informed practices and drafted and received grants for enhanced professional development and programming, the release said.

Hesser was hired March 14, 2017, with a three-year contract and a base salary of \$120,000. She began leading the district July 1, 2017.

Hoopeston Area was her first superintendent's position and her first teaching job, as well.

She came to Hoopeston Area in 1995 as a fifth grade teacher. She left in 2002, where she served as principal for Sterling grade schools until 2014, when she returned to the classroom as a fifth grade teacher while working on her doctorate.

Hesser did not immediately respond to email questions about what lies ahead for her.

## Briefly

### At the library

Hoopeston Public Library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesdays, March 20 and 27, for staff development training.

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Stitchin' Time**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided or bring your own projects. All needle crafters welcome.

**Census Job Drive**, 3-7 p.m. Thursday. Get assistance in applying to become a census taker.

**Big Bang Thursday**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Weird, wacky science for kids in grades 3-5.

**Cooking the Books**, 6-7 p.m. Thursday. "Luck of the Irish" is the theme. Choose a recipe from our special section and we'll copy it. Make it and bring it to the library to share with others. Bring serving utensils.

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# From the Blotter

**Two Pittsburg** men were arrested after police were called at 12:40 a.m. Saturday to remove them from Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn.

Jeffery Rose 44, and James Rose, 58 were each found to be wanted on warrants from Williamson County. They were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

**Joseph C. Cannon**, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:57 a.m. Saturday in the 300 block of South Third St., as police were escorting a woman to her home. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**James E. Miller II**, 25, of Hoopeston, is facing three charges following an accident at 3:19 a.m. Saturday in

the 700 block of South First Ave.

Police allege Miller, in a 2000 Jeep Carryall, hit a parked 2004 Pontiac owned by Deanna L. Smithers, of Hoopeston.

Miller was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and illegal transportation of alcohol

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:45 p.m. for a report of a natural gas leak in the 800 block of East Wyman. No leak was found.

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sils. Drinks and table service are provided.

**Littles @ the Library** 10:30-11 a.m. Friday. For children ages 0-5 with parents, grandparents or day care providers, featuring stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

**Tree Climbers genealogy workshop**, 10-11 a.m. For beginners to those who want to take their search to the next level. Learn to use HPL's online resources, including Ancestry.com.

## Softball signups

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold signups for the season on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24. Register from 12-2 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

## Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be March 21.

Please join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

## Hygiene product collection

The Dwelling Place of Vermilion County is collecting hygiene supplies for area families. In March, items may be dropped off at McDonald's, 824 S. Dixie Hwy.. Then, from 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. April 3, residents may drop

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 53. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 34. Tomorrow, showers likely, then cloudy. High 50, low 34.

and will appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

**Alvin R. Lovell**, 40, of Wellington, was arrested at 11:57 a.m. Saturday at West Maple and South First Ave. on an Iroquois County warrant for aggravated battery. Unable to post the required \$10,000 bond, he was taken to the Iroquois County jail by Iroquois County Sheriff's deputies.

**Katana Donaldson**, 18, of Alvin, was arrested after she was stopped for a traffic violation at 2:22 a.m. Sunday at Thompson and Fourth St. She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

items off at WHPO, 912 S. Dixie Hwy.

Needed products include body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand soap, lotion, sanitary pads/tampons, feminine cleansing wipes, dental floss, baby shampoo, disposable diapers, shaving cream, disposable razors, tissues, laundry detergent, all purpose cleaners, toilet paper, wash cloths, towels, mouthwash.

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