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Hoopeston Area district recognizes Golden Ruler nominees



FESSER



MARTINEZ



OVERLANDER



HIGH



SCHAUMBURG



FLOREK

Hoopeston Area Community School District nominees were among those honored Tuesday evening at the annual Golden Ruler Banquet sponsored by the Vermilion County Regional Office of Education.

This year's nominees included four teachers, a school board member and for the first time, someone not affiliated with the district. Nominees are:

Janna Fesser joined Hoopeston Area as middle school history teacher in 2005 and has held the position for 14 years. A 2003 graduate of Eastern Illinois University

with a social science degree, Fesser was a substitute teacher in the Nokomis and Bloomington/Normal districts until she came to Hoopeston. At Hoopeston Area, she has coached middle school track, fifth and sixth grade basketball, high school volleyball and is currently high school girls' track coach.

She and her husband, Aaron, live in Bismarck and have a daughter, Harper, and her dog, Rex.

Rebecca "Becky" Martinez, from Pharr, Tex., came to Hoopeston in 1973. She began working for Hoopeston Migrant Head Start in 1974 and with migrant education during the school year. In 1994, she began full time employment with the district as a teacher's aide and is retiring with 25 years of service in May. In 2013, Martinez earned a paraprofessional license and used her bilingual abilities at various schools in the district.

Martinez and her husband, Roberto, have three sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She plays her guitar and sings at the Spanish Masses at St. Anthony Catholic Church and enjoys walking for fun.

Cheryl Overlander, of rural Hoopeston, graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education. She has taught elementary special education at John Greer for 33

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years. She and her husband have three grown children and five grandchildren. She enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her family.

Daphne High received a bachelor's degree in 1977 and a master's in educational administration in 2005, both from Eastern Illinois University. She has taught PE and math and coached cheerleaders and multiple sports at the junior high and high school levels. The Danville resident marks 38 years of teaching this year, the last 17 at HAHS. Her husband of 40 years is the guidance counselor at Armstrong Township High School. Her son is a teacher/coach at Casey High School and her daughter-in-law is a kindergarten aide, hoping to pursue a teaching degree. She has three grandchildren, Jackson 10, Madison, five and Regan, three.

Mark Schaumburg, of Hoopeston, was elected to the Hoopeston Area School Board in 2007 and has served the last two years as board president. His time on the board has been rewarding and informative. Schaumburg moved to Hoopeston in 2000 after marrying his wife, Deanna, a Hoopeston native. They have six children: Amber Schaumburg-Borders (Cory), Andrew (Jena) Schaumburg, Sam, Brandon and Chris Umbanhowar and Anna Schaumburg, currently an HAHS senior.

Lourdine Florek began covering Hoopeston Area news and events when she became editor of The Chronicle in 1986, and for the last 25 years as owner of Just the

Facts. Her daughter, Jennifer, an HAHS graduate, and her granddaughter, eight-year-old Anastasia, live in Bloomington. Florek and her husband, James Eyrych, have two shelter dogs, Rogue, 11, and Storm, 10.

Weather

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Eggs-citement

Above left, Miss Hoopeston Lauren Linares uses a gentle touch to place plastic eggs before Saturday's annual Easter Egg Hunt at McFerren Park. Meanwhile, above right, Ma-son and Brett Rush use a different technique for the same task. Left, the littlest hunters scurry to grab eggs as parents and grandparents watch. The egg hunt is sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees.

Photos by James Eyrych and Lourdine Florek