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Hoopeston Area BoE hears plans for Veterans Day ceremony, approves personnel changes

In a time when so many events are being canceled to keep people safe, Hoopeston Area High School is working to make sure area veterans are honored on their special day.

At Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, Principal John Klaber said the high school has been working since August to put together a program for Veterans Day.

For several years, the school has hosted the annual ceremony, honoring area veterans. The ceremony includes pictures and information about the veterans, recognition of veterans attending, a keynote speech, and band and choral selections, all viewed in the Hoopeston Area Middle School gym.

This year, however, veterans and other interested people will be able to view the service from the comfort of their homes.

Klaber said segments of the ceremony are being videotaped and will be aired at 9 a.m. on Veterans Day on cable channel 16.

Klaber told the board that so many veteran events have been canceled and that it was important for the school to find a way to make the Veterans Day ceremony happen.

In personnel action, the board approved transferring Richard Harbacek from sixth grade boys' basketball to 8th grade boys' basketball, effective October 15.

- Hired Kevin Root as high school assistant boys basketball coach; Alisa Young as middle school cheer coach; and Luke Lawson as seventh/eighth grade Scholastic Bowl coach.

- Accepted Chelsea Hufford's resignation as middle school cheer coach, effective September 16.

- Hired Donna Hiltz as middle school special education teacher, pending successful completion of program and proper certification of license, effective October 16.

- Approved, pending background checks, volunteers Nathan Allison and Adam Nelson, soccer; Dale Ashby and Felipe Martinez, wrestling; Jane Powell, Ashley Powell and Regan Shore, competitive cheer; Chanelle

Davis, ninth grade volleyball; Andrew Atchie and Rylee Martin, high school softball; Chris Small, Brady Gaddis and Bryce Leigh, high school baseball; and Carlos Ramos, football.

In other business, the board heard from Kathy Vines, Maple student support services coordinator, concerned about COVID-19 protocols.

Saying she posted questions and thoughts on the issue two months ago, Vines said that a couple of weeks ago, she and others spent three hours calling families of second-graders to tell them the class was going to all-remote learning because of the number of positive coronavirus cases.

Vines said of concern to her was a conversation with one mother who said she was not going to have her child tested until she showed symptoms of the disease. Vines said the student was in direct contact with a staff member who tested positive. "That child happens to have a number of siblings at home and could have been positive for coronavirus without symptoms and spreading it to all those siblings and parents and then spreading it to the rest of our schools."

She asked the board to consider "letting the public know what black and white details are going to be used, what metrics are going to be used for determining when we go full remote and when we're going to be clear and ready to go back to all in-person (learning)."

Board President Dave McFadden said he would have Supt. Robert Richardson contact her to shed light on the guidelines.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved spending not more than \$2,980 for the drug abuse prevention D.A.R.E. program.

- Approved paying \$13,165 to ROE Schoolworks for onsite coaching for students and teachers and \$37,483 to ROE Schoolworks for instructional coaching, team facilitation and administrator mentoring, both for Hoopeston Area Middle School. The purchase will be paid through the Title 1 grant.

- Approved spending \$24,133.75 with Amazon.com for interactive boards an installation hardware. Funding is through the Title 1 grant.

- Approved continuing membership in the Illinois Risk Management program for health insurance.

- Approved suspending facility usage by outside organizations through the end of the pandemic.

- Heard from Richardson that floor planks and 450 bricks were saved from Honeywell School. Planks will be given to former school employees and the rest will be sold for \$5 each, with money going to a scholarship fund or whatever the board decides. The bricks will also be sold. Playground equipment donated by the Drollinger family has been removed and will be reinstalled at John Greer.

Briefly

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, village office, 120 E. Attica. Agenda items include the declaring TIF inner core tax revenue as surplus funds, announcing the estimated tax levy and discuss/approve cooperative agreement between Danville Housing Authority, doing business as Vermilion Housing Authority, and the village.

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From the Blotter

A **25-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 9:15 a.m. Thursday that someone took property from his home in the 500 block of East Main. Police are investigating.

Amy Thompson, 58, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:32 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of East Honeywell. Police said Thompson was warned multiple times to stop abusing 911 services without an emergency. She was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:56 p.m. Friday at Orange and Market.

Police said Emilio Esparza, 43, of Chicago, in a

2008 Volvo semi tractor, failed to yield when he turned onto Market. He was struck by a 2010 Toyota Highlander driven by Robert Simmons, 66, of Moweaqua.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:36 p.m. Saturday for a possible structure fire in the 300 block of West Orange.

Firefighters, along with Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and Arrow Ambulance, were called at 7:34 p.m. Saturday to a two-car accident at Rt. 9 and 1300 East Rd.

Details were not available at press time.

Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight. High 50, low 38. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms late. High 60, low 50.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Briefly continued from other side

- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall, 301 W. Main. Agenda items include accepting a perpetual care bid and approving an updated nuisance ordinance.
- Rossville Joint Review Board annual meeting, 6 p.m. Thursday, village office, 120 E. Attica.

Time to put the lights up

Volunteers are needed for Christmas light setup on October 23 and 24. Volunteers (16 or older) are asked to meet at McFerren Park office at 8 a.m. both days. Friday will be primarily moving displays from storage, and Saturday will be assembling and securing the displays. Vol-

unteers will be fed lunch both days. Anyone with a truck and trailer is encouraged to bring it Friday.

For more information, call Russ Leigh at (217) 283-9336.

Local Covid numbers unchanged

Vermilion County's Covid count rose by 40 positive tests both Thursday and Friday, said Public Health Administrator Doug Toole. An update was unavailable Saturday due to the electronics collection.

Local positives remained the same as last week, according to IDPH information Sunday morning.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Greene Galvanized Stairs is looking for personnel to work in our sheet metal manufacturing facility. Applicants should have their high school diploma or equivalent, be able to comply with appropriate dress and safety protocols for a manufacturing environment and pass an arithmetic screening and pre-employment drug screening. Apply in person at Greene Galvanized Stairs, 41774 Main St., East Lynn, Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m..

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