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From food following surgery, the many cards, phone calls, texts, and emails, each one was truly appreciated, especially the prayers through some of the darkest hours.

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Board approves semester plan, A/C project for grade schools

Hoopeston Area Middle School students will return to five-day in-school learning after Hoopeston Area School Board on Tuesday approved a Return to Learn plan for the second semester.

Middle school students, along with their high school counterparts, have four days of in-school learning this semester. Wednesdays are remote learning days for both schools.

Hoopeston Area is trying to support in-person learning as much as possible, said Supt. Robert Richardson at Tuesday's meeting. "We think things are working really well, I will say," he said, telling the board that on Monday, four of the eight Vermilion County schools holding in-person classes were in the Hoopeston Area district. The others included three in Oakwood and one in Westville, he said, adding that he did not know if remaining county schools were not in session due to Covid cases.

Middle school Principal Michelle White said five-day, in-school learning will not affect the schedules of teachers shared with the grade schools. Wednesday in-school classes will be periods 1-6, which are all core classes. Seventh and eighth period classes will be taught remotely, she said.

Middle school students will attend classes from 8:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Parents may still opt to have full remote learning for their children.

There will be no changes for Maple and John Greer students, who have had five-day, in-school learning for the first semester. Students will attend from 8:20 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. daily.

Hoopeston Area High School will remain on the block schedule it has this semester because one-third of students currently are remote learners.

On in-person days, students will be in school from 8:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Wednesdays will continue to be remote learning days, but that will be re-evaluated at the end of January, based on the number of remote

learners.

For students, the second semester will begin January 6, 2021. Teachers will use January 4-5 as remote learning planning days, which will include training in synchronous and asynchronous learning.

In synchronous learning, remote learners will have classes in real time with their in-school counterparts and will be able to interact with their teacher.

With asynchronous learning, a class will be recorded and remote learners can watch it later.

The Return to Learn plan was created by a committee of teachers, administrators and Hoopeston Education Association. The committee reviewed guidance from Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health, sought input from parents and staff and consulted legal counsel and the district insurance carrier.

The recommended plan sought to balance the needs of students and staff, including physical health, mental health, social health and emotional health.

In other action, the board:

- approved an air conditioning project for John Greer and Maple. In discussing the issue, Richardson said the board would be "approving the scope of the work" not approving a contractor.

The plan, designed by an architect, will provide 44 ductless heat pumps and necessary electrical changes at both buildings for an estimated \$350,000. With approval given, the district will now advertise for bids and may approve one at its January meeting.

- approved a memorandum of understanding with HEA concerning synchronous learning.

Correction

Sherry Miller's vote total was listed incorrectly in a story Thursday from the Grant Township Republican caucus. She received 135 votes.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

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Stopped at East Thompson and Seventh St., Davis was arrested on preliminary charges of aggravated DUI, driving while license suspended, no insurance, no insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to signal a turn, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and obstructing police.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Obituaries

MASON - Thelma D. (Roe) Mason, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton on Pells. She will be cremated and private burial held. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Hearts Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 17605, Urbana IL 61803. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Briefly

Thrift shop open Saturday

Hoopeston Multi Agency Thrift Shop, 206 S. First Ave., will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday with some special deals!

Bulk garbage day

Hoopeston will hold its twice-monthly bulk garbage collection from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. This is for garbage too big to fit into the blue totes. Residents who have heavy or large items are asked to bring someone to help unload them.

This is for Hoopeston residents only. Identification will be checked.

Petition submission

Hoopeston City Clerk will accept petitions from those running for public offices at city Hall, 301 W.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 44. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow mostly sunny. High 40, low 25. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 40, low 25..

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main St, on:

Monday, Dec. 14	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 18	8:30-11:20 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 21	8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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