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**Curriculum director resigns to tend to family businesses**

Hoopeston Area School Board on Thursday approved a host of employees who will work during the summer, some teaching summer school, others doing building maintenance.

Curriculum Director Emily Brown will not be one of those people.

Brown submitted her resignation to the board, effective at the end of the school year.

A former preschool owner and teacher, Brown was named curriculum coordinator, a position she held until she was named curriculum director in 2018.

With the title change came more responsibility, as she became involved with everything from curriculum to technology. Since 2020, Brown has been instrumental in developing and fine-tuning Hoopeston Area's remote learning program, implemented last year as a response to Covid-19.

In a response to an email asking why she decided to resign, she wrote, "I have decided that it is best for my family and our businesses to step away from my career in education."

Brown, along with her husband, Bob, own 112 Wine and Coffee Shop, Bricks and Ivy Sports Collectibles, Built 2 Last Construction, and B2L Property Management for various rental properties, including the Princess Apartments in downtown Hoopeston.

In related personnel business, several teachers were approved for the summer intensive intervention program, designed particularly for students who fell behind during remote learning. Officials have previously said that more than 100 students qualify to participate.

Employed as of June 1 for the summer program will be Tonna Hofer, Jamie Miller, Alexa Morton, Brenda Mowrey, Jennifer Gaddis, Elizabeth Hart, Kristine Kellerhals,



*File photo*  
**Emily Brown at 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe.**

Hanna Rattin, Jennifer Robinson, Brad Jones, Mary Schoonover and Alissa Young.

Aides hired for the program include Christie Pancake, Emily Carter, Angie Torres, Karen Eighner and Angie Simpson. Elizabeth Walder will serve as the program's social worker.

Schoonover will also serve as a middle school promotion program teacher, along with Richard Harback and Bonnie Sterrenberg.

Other personnel action included:  
 • Hiring Glenn Brewer as high school math summer school teacher; and, pending background checks, Nina Frye as Response to Intervention interventionist and Madeleine

Lilley, English teacher and color guard sponsor, effective August 16.

- Approving the transfer of Chelsea Ziegler from John Greer and middle school PE teacher to John Greer PE teacher.
- Transferring Susan Goble from high school personal aide to Maple personal aide, effective November 2, 2020.
- Renewing educational support personnel for the 2021-22 school year.

The board also approved a three-year retirement incentive plan for second grade teacher Brenda Weston. She will be taken off of the district salary schedule and will receive six percent increases in each of the next three years. "She will leave very large shoes to fill in this district," said Supt. Robert Richardson, adding it is sad to see her retire "but I'm happy for her. She's put in her time."

In other business, the board heard from high school Principal John Klaber that the school is holding some normal activities by using creative thinking to meet  
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## Sports

### ***Cornjerker soccer finishes with wins***

Hoopeston Area defeated Clifton Central Tuesday night by the score of 5-1.

The Cornjerkers jumped out to a 1-0 lead just under 10 minutes into the first half when Ben Brown scored his first of three goals on the night when Talen Gredy was able to make a great pass in front of the Comets goalie. Less than five minutes later Gredy was able to take a great pass from Nick Hofer to make things 2-0.

Clifton Central made things interesting just minutes into the second half when Nathan Warner scored with the assist going to Michael Hess. Seven minutes later Brown again scored as Nick Hofer made a great pass to put the Cornjerkers up 3-1 and then with seven minutes left in the game both Brown and Hofer worked their magic again. Cameron

Zorns scored his first goal of the year with two minutes and thirty-six seconds left to finish out the scoring.

Derek Drayer received the win in goal by saving seven of the eight shots from the Comets.

**Hoopeston Area finished** their season on April 13 with a victory over Blue Ridge.

The game was a tale of two halves as the Cornjerkers jumped out to 3-0 lead when Gredy

scored his first of two goals at the 32:33 mark on a nice chip from Hofer, who had all four of the Cornjerkers assists on the night.

The second and third goals of the night mirrored each other and came within one minute and 18 seconds of each other when Hofer made two beautiful throw-ins toward the Cornjerkers goal and Brown skied high above the Blue Ridge defender to knock the ball in with his head.

Blue Ridge never went away and tied things up at three when Austin Hobbs scored three goals by connecting twice with Victor Reynolds and one assist from Cameron Phillips.

Cornjerkers broke the tie with 28 minutes left when once again Hofer was able to make a pass through the

### **From the Blotter**

Vicki Ford, 63, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 10:31 p.m. Sunday for a disturbance in the 400 block of South Fifth St. She was charged with disobeying police for refusing to comply to officer's commands.

Ford was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Other events, including the spring musical and fine arts festival will be videoed.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Approved a two-year football co-op agreement with Armstrong Potomac.
- Approved the district 2021-22 calendar.
- Heard from Richardson that the middle school air handlers are nearing the end of their expected life. After hearing an estimate to replace them, "I had to pick my jaw up off the floor," he said, adding the buildings and grounds committee is looking at a more efficient way of heating and cooling the school.

### **Weather**

**FREEZE WATCH** from 9 p.m. Tuesday to 9 a.m. Wednesday. Rain/snow today, tonight. High 39, low 27. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 48, low 29.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

Blue Ridge defense and Gredy was able to chase it down for the game winning goal.

Cornjerker goalie Derek Drayer received the win by

saving fifteen of the eighteen shots he faced.

The Cornjerkers ended their season with a 5-7 record and 3-4 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

## Classifieds

### **HELP WANTED**

**Handyman help wanted.** 217-283-7426

The Legion, formerly the American Legion, will be opening soon and is now hiring bar tenders. Call 217-260-5630 for inquiries.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool manager, assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for seasonal employees. Applications are available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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### **Director continued from other side**

Covid-19 restrictions.

Homecoming was held April 5-9 and included dress up days and hallway decorating contest, but no bonfire or dance

A modified prom will be held April 24 at the McFerrer Park Civic Center, which will be divided into sectors to keep group sizes within Covid guidelines. Coolers of bottled water and prepackaged snacks will be available in each sector.

Klamber said that, as of Tuesday, the school was one of two in the county that were allowing students to dance. "It's not the perfect prom because it's not what we normally have," he said. This year's version is "creative," and "out of the box," he added.

Baccalaureate will not be held again this year, but National Honor Society induction will be held in person on April 25 in the school auditorium.

Last year's virtual graduation ceremony will be live this year, held on the football field at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15. Rain date is 3 p.m. May 16, he said.