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School board gets funding for Chromebook replacement, approves tunnel asbestos work

Hoopeston Area's 1 to 1 technology program has a schedule to replace a percentage of Chromebooks each year. This year, the district will use funds grant funds for the purchase.

At Thursday's meeting, Hoopeston Area School Board unanimously approved purchasing 375 Chromebooks through Technology Resources. The \$129,375 cost will come from the Emergency Connectivity Fund, said Supt. Robert Richardson.

Emergency Connectivity Fund provides funding to help schools and libraries keep students, staff and patrons connected during Covid-19. It is administered by Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC) with oversight from the Federal Communications Commission.

The board also discussed asbestos abatement in the John Greer tunnels. Richardson said a variance has been granted for asbestos removal in the tunnel, going from the boiler room to the entrance of the boys locker room.

The board unanimously approved spending \$43,500 with for the project, to be done by Kinsale Contracting Group. The cost has been written into an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III grant, Richardson said.

While the board hopes to recoup the cost from grant money, the work still needs to be done, said board President Dave McFadden.

In other action, the board:

- Approved hiring Charles Wallace, middle school PE teacher; Lucinda Overlander, Maple classroom aide; Hannah Hambleton, high school basketball co-cheer coach.

See BOARD on other side

Briefly

Floral Hill road to be repaired

Road work will begin on the east side of Floral Hill Cemetery Thursday and Friday, October 28th and 29th, and possibly into part of next week (weather permitting).

Volunteers needed for Light work

It's time to put up the Christmas lights. Volunteers are needed for Lights in the Park at 8 a.m. October 29 and/or 30 to put up Christmas displays in McFerren Park. Lunch will be served. Gather at the park maintenance building.

Volunteer group needed

Mayor Bill Crusinberry is looking for a group to raise funds for upcoming Hoopeston fireworks displays. Anyone interested in doing so may email him at mayorhoopeston@yahoo.com or reach him by phone, (217) 474-6873.

The gathering

Rossville Community Organization will hold The Gathering at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to the social senior citizen event.

Frightening fun

Hoopeston Fire Department members hand out candy during Monday night's Spooktacular, sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees. Firefighters and police offices had goodies at the intersection of Main and Market, while businesses and groups were open after dark to welcome little goblins and ghouls to the annual event.



Obituaries

HANLIN - Cierra Hanlin, 32, of Gilman, died at 11:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

WHITEMAN - Charles Arthur "Chuck" Whiteman, 88, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. He was born February 23, 1933, in Hoopeston, the son of Iverson and Dorothy (Obenland) Whiteman. He married Clara Anna Crose on June 6,

1954, at the Hoopeston United Methodist Church. She survives in Hoopeston.

He is also survived by two daughters, Stephanie Myers of Oakwood, IL and Judy (Rodney) Allen of Hoopeston; one son, Steve (Vicki) Whiteman of Stafford, VA; four sisters, Shirley (Harold) Darnall of Rantoul, IL, Carole Ingram of Hoopeston, Elizabeth Abaño of Florida, and Donna Ferguson of Rantoul;

three brothers, Donald (Teresa) Whiteman of Noblesville, IN, Iverson "Doc" (Pam) Whiteman of East Lynn, IL, and Thomas (Julie) Whiteman of Spencer, IN; six grandchildren, Amanda (Jesse) Grupe, Aimee (Jacob) Grupe, Matthew Whiteman, Samantha (Brandon) Hale, Mark (Alexandra) Allen, and Jessica (Raymond) McConnell; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 34 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Juanita Ferguson, Marjorie Elsey and infant sister, Mary; brother, Kenneth Whiteman; and grandson, James Allen.

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#4826 and the Hoopeston American Legion Post #384 where he also served on the Color Guard for many years. Chuck was a past Troop Commander of the Illinois National Guard Unit in Danville and was a member of the 40-8 and Korean War Association. He later worked at Radio Condenser in Hoopeston and the Hoopeston Post Office until his retirement. After retirement, Chuck worked at Hamilton – Orr Funeral Home in Hoopeston, working for Gene and William Orr. He also worked many years with David Anderson and Ryan Anderson assisting in many capacities. Chuck served as a past Cub Scout leader, was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and was a member of the Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held 4 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday Oct. 28, 2021, at the funeral home, with Pastor Cathy Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Johnson Cemetery near Danville, IL, with military rites accorded by the Hoopeston American Legion Post #384.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Charles' eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

Board continued from other side

- Transferred Robert Gossett from seventh grade girls basketball coach to assistant high school girls basketball coach and Tyler Rush from eighth grade girls basketball coach to seventh grade basketball coach.
- Rush, along with Amber Fell, were approved as high school girls basketball volunteers, pending background checks.
- Approved resignations from Sarah Tribbey, Maple classroom aide; Rain Hillard, part time district technology assistant, and Brock Baker, high school assistant girls basketball coach.

Weather

Patchy frost then partly sunny today. High 57. Tonight, cloudy, chance of showers. Low 47. Tomorrow, showers. High 55, low 49.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Someone to clean house on Wednesday for two hours or as needed. Pays cash. Ph. (217) 597-7112

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East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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Court Dispositions

October 13

Elbert W. Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Jerry D. Sisk, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus \$100-per-day abatement order starting October 13. Status hearing November 110.

Joseph D. Hart, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for three cases of general nuisance, found guilty by default. Fined \$180 in each case, new status hearing November 10.

Alexander J. Morgan, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing November 10.

Rachel N. Harper, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance at initial appearance, fined \$180; status hearing November 10.