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HA school board approves end-of-year personnel changes

Many personnel changes were acted upon at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

The board approved hiring, pending background checks, Chelsi Pickett, Maple aide, Maria Alvarado, middle school aide, Felipe Martinez, assistant high school football coach and middle school track coach, effective February 23 and 25, respectively.

Allison Mann was hired as assistant high school and middle school volleyball coach, effective February 28, and Amanda Merrill was hired as a bus aide, also effective February 28.

Keighlee Brand and Kayla Foster were hired, pending proper licensure, as fifth grade special ed teacher and kindergarten teacher, respectively.

Zach Colleen was approved as part time computer technician, effective March 17.

Summer school staff was approved, including Glenn Brewer, high school math and Rebecca Baird, high school English, effective June 6.

Tenured and non-tenured teachers were approved for employment for the 2022-23 year. Several teachers were approved for tenure including:

Maple PE teacher Robert Gossett;

John Greer teachers Jayde Gress, Jennifer Gaddis, Jennifer Robinson, special ed, and Chelsie Ziegler, PE;

HAMS teacher Kelsey Cappellano, math, Richard Harbacek, sixth grade, and Audrey Price, math; and

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Briefly

Meetings

- Special Hoopeston City Council, 6 p.m. Monday, city hall. Agenda items include an intergovernmental agreement for municipal court; motion to waive demolition bids for 704 E. Elm; and naming new police commissioners.

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include update on condemning 103 S. Chicago and draft ordinances. Full agenda and remote link available at www.villageoffrossville.org.

The water/sewer committee will meet at 6 p.m. and financing/purchasing committee at 6:30 p.m.

Grave decorations must be removed

All winter flowers, grave blankets, and sprays at the Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, must be removed by the end of the day Sunday, March 28, 2022. Anything not been removed will be removed by cemetery staff.

HASA registration

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold registration on Wednesdays, March 23 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., and Sundays, March 27 from 1-4 p.m., at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

PEP Potluck returns

Hoopeston First United Methodist Church is bringing back its People Enjoying People potluck party. It will begin at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main. Main dish, drinks and table service will be provided. Guests may bring a side dish or dessert to share, if they want. There is no cost.

WMD meeting

Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. Treasured Roots will host the group. RSVP to hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Stitchin' Time**, every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon. If you like to crochet, knit or do other needlework, join others who gather with their needles and yarn.

Tech Day, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Local computer experts Jim Eyrich and Jeff Wise will be on hand to answer questions about cell phones, tablets or laptops. No appointments needed. Just stop by with your full-charged device, as well as any passwords or log-in information needed.

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From the Blotter

Marty Joe Fink, 68, homeless, was arrested after police were called at 9:51 a.m. Thursday to the 300 block of West Maple for a man causing a disturbance in the street.

Fink was charged with possession of hypodermic syringe and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

A **38-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 10:57 p.m. Thursday that a go-cart was stolen from the 1100 block of Savannah Ct. The theft is under

Changes continued from other side

High school English teacher Nicholas Dziadosz. In later action, Dziadosz' resignation was accepted, along with those from Charles Miller, John Greer band director; Danielle Birch, agricultural education long term sub; Jana Fesser, seventh grade history teacher and student council advisor; Taylor Haskins, John Greer Response to Intervention (RtI) aide; Jerud VanDyke, HAHS varsity boys basketball coach.

Katie Flannery, Rain Hillard and Andrea Glotzbach were hired as temporary summer computer employees and Lee Cox was approved as a high school softball volunteer, pending background check.

The board also approved all administrators for the coming school year and dismissed 16 professional educator licensed (PEL) long term substitute teachers, including Maria Baldwin, Alexis Cade, Heather Cloud, Benjamin

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department responded to an out-of-control brush fire at 9:50 a.m. Thursday at Illinois Landfill property, 16310 E 4000 North Dr. No damage or injuries were reported at the time of the call.

The department was called at 5:58 p.m. Friday to the 500 block of East Main for the smell of gas. No injuries were reported.

Weather

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investigation.

Marty Fink, 68, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 35-year-old Hoopeston man reported that Fink threatened him at 8:41 p.m. Friday at Tedd's Beverage Shop, 101 W. Main.

Fink was later located and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct.

Police are investigating a residential burglary reported at 3:30 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of West

Cravens, Karen Eighner, Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, Erin Fruhling, Terry Griffith, Kevin Heiser, Christy Lee, Anna Lowery, Allison Mann, Desi Martin, Lea Morgan, Marcella Noel, Mara Sutton and Dustin Wells.

The board took the same action last year, on the advice of its attorney, Supt. Robert Richardson said then. The action was a formality indicating no expectation of continued employment and many of those let go last year were rehired to teach this year.

Sports

Softball

Cornjerkers softball got off to a good start with a 16-1 win over St. Anne at home on March 15.

Alexa Bailey and Logan Watson each had two hits and three RBI. Maddie Barnes and Riley Miller each had one hit and two RBIs. Macy Warner added a hit and two RBIs. Other players also had RBIs, said HA coach Chelsea Ziergler.

Pitcher Maddie Barnes took the win with only one hit allowed.

Junior Erica Sirois had the only run for the Cardinals.

The Lady Cornjerkers put one in the L column Thursday with a 4-3 loss at Rantoul. Hoopeston Area led but the pendulum swung in the seventh with the Eagles pulling ahead in the nonconference game.

Barnes took the loss but had two hits and two RBIs. Bailey had one RBI.

Hoopeston Area is on spring break this week, but the Lady Cornjerkers are scheduled to travel Tuesday to take on Paxton/Buckley Loda, and host Danville on Thursday, and Urbana for a varsity-only match Friday. The girls will host Prairie Central in a Saturday matchup starting at 10 a.m.

Washington. A 52-year-old Hoopeston man reported unknown people entered the residence and took items.

Jacky A. Coffey, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:45 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of Bank. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was transferred to the custody of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and taken to the

Public Safety Building in Danville to await bond.

Craig I. Stevens, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:21 p.m. Friday at South Fourth Ave. and West Penn. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the police station for processing, then taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, by a Vermilion County deputy.

Classifieds

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City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under

the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL . Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information please call 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

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