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Former Hoopeston Area student named Secondary School Assistant Principal in Colorado



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JIMMY CHISM

A former Hoopeston resident has won a top honor from a Colorado education group.

Jimmy Chism was recently named the 2023 Secondary School Assistant Principal of the Year. The award, given by the Colorado Association of School Executives, (CASE) is a highly competitive honor.

A 2004 Hoopeston Area High School graduate, he went on to earn a BS in education from Illinois State University, an M.Ed from Arizona State University and, in 2022, he became a Doctor of Education, graduating from the University of Colorado Denver.

Chism is currently assistant principal at Hidden Lake High School, an alternative school in Westminster, CO, where he has served since 2020. The 2,400-pupil school is geared towards helping students recover credits and graduate with a high school diploma.

Principal James Steward nominated him for the award. "He earned it through his actions," Steward said in a video announcing Chism's honor. "It's not just words that Jimmy does. It's his actions that I see him doing, his actions that the staff sees him doing, that actions that the students see him doing, and they trust him."

"I've always tended to gravitate toward more vulnerable populations," Chism said of his career choices, which have included special education students, those on a Native American reservation, "and now alternative kiddos," he said.

In 2008-09, he was a special education aide in McLean County Unit District 5. From there, he moved to Baboquivari High School in Tucson, AZ, first as a high school teacher of both remedial and honors courses. In 2014, he was named assistant principal and athletic direc-

tor at the school. He left in 2015 to become assistant principal at Westminster High School before moving to his current position in

In the video announcing his award, Chism talked about the difficulties of working with those vulnerable students and the time it takes to build trust so that the students will participate in class activities. His patience paid off, however, as the video shows him interacting with students during passing periods and in the office. One student,

Damian Diaz, said in the video that Chism "tries to find something relatable, like football," to connect with students. "He makes it enjoyable to come to school," he said.

Chism will be recognized this spring at the 2023 CASE Awards Reception. He will also represent Colorado at the NASSP National Principals Conference this summer and be eligible for the National Secondary School Principal of the Year award.

He is the son of Vickie Beaty, of Hoopeston.



Powering up

Ameren employees work to restore power on East Penn after an unidentified driver hit a power pole, then left the scene. The accident occurred at 4:35 a.m. at Penn and railroad crossing, according to police reports.

Sports

Hoopeston Area squeezed by Paxton-Buckley-Loda, 47-44 in overtime Friday night.

Anthony Zamora led the Cornjerks with 18 points followed by Kendrick Sigerill with 16. Owen Root had 10 points and Trenton Montez rounded up the scoring with three.

Sigerill was two rebounds shy of a double double finishing with eight rebounds.

In the JV game the Cornjerkers lost, 55-19. Wyatt Eisenmann and Zach Huchel each had six points, Dyl-

an Judy three and Cole Miller Keenon Anderson each had two points.

On Saturday, the Cornjerkers fell to Salt Fork by the score of 46-36.

Root led the team with 21 points and went five for five at the free throw line. Zamora finished with eight points and two for two at the line. Mason Rush had three points, and Sigerill with two.

The JV Cornjerkers jumped into the win column by defeating Salt Fork, 39-36. Brayden Walder, Trenton Montez, and Wyatt Eisenmann. Zach Huchel finished with six each, Bricyn Jones and Ethan Steiner each had two and Ethan Linares had one point.

The Cornjerkers will be in action on Tuesday at Westville at 6 p.m.



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For the Yanks

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Briefly

Church to present Christmas play

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene will present a Christmas play, "The Old Lamplighter" at 5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 18 at the church, 402 E. Honey-

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:46 a.m. Sunday for a rekindling of a structure fire in the 700 block of E. Honeywell. No injuries were reported.

Weather

Chance of rain today, rain tonight. High 43, low 39. Tomorrow, rain, then showers. High 51, low 35.

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well.

The public is invited to attend this free program of holiday music with a meaningful message of the Reason for the Season.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Classifieds

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Fast Lanes looking for weekend Breakfast waitress and cooks. May lead into other days or nights! We also need night waitresses. MUST be available for weekend shifts. Experience helpful! Stop in and get an application! No phone calls/FB messages.

Hoopeston Public Library is seeking a dependable individual to shovel and salt sidewalks this winter. Must be able and available to keep walks clear for library operating hours, 10-6, Monday-Friday, and 10-3, Saturdays. Contact Library Director Tricia Freeland, 217-283-6711.

First Christian Church has immediate opening for a secretary, Tuesday-Thursday 8 am-noon. Send a Resume to FCC, PO Box 115, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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