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## Hoopeston Area School Board approves employees for this year's summer school and beyond

Hoopeston Area School Board approved new employees for the remainder of this year, as well as summer school programs and the upcoming year.

At Thursday evening's meeting, the board approved summer school employees, including teachers Glenn Brewer, high school math, Rebecca Baird, high school English, and secretaries LeAnne Stebbins, HAHS, Maria Alvarado, HAMS, Emily Carter, John Greer, and Brandon Tyler, Maple.

The positions all start June 5.

For the 2023-24 school year, the board approved hiring new employees, with an effective date of August 17, including:

- Hayley Hambleton, district speech language pathologist.
- Rebecca MacDonald, HAMS special ed teacher.
- Terra Williamson, district ESL teacher.
- Theresa Huls, Maple personal aide.
- Allison Mann, high school special ed teacher, for the second semester, pending proper certification and license.

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Mann was also hired as third grade teacher for the Summer Intensive Intervention program, along with Taylor Haskins and Lea Morgan, second grade; Brenda Mowrey and Heather Cloud, first grade; Tonna Hofer, Kayla Foster and Jennifer Taylor, kindergarten.

Also hired for the Summer Intensive program were aides Briana Lugo, ESL; and Sarah Tribbey and Amy Bell.

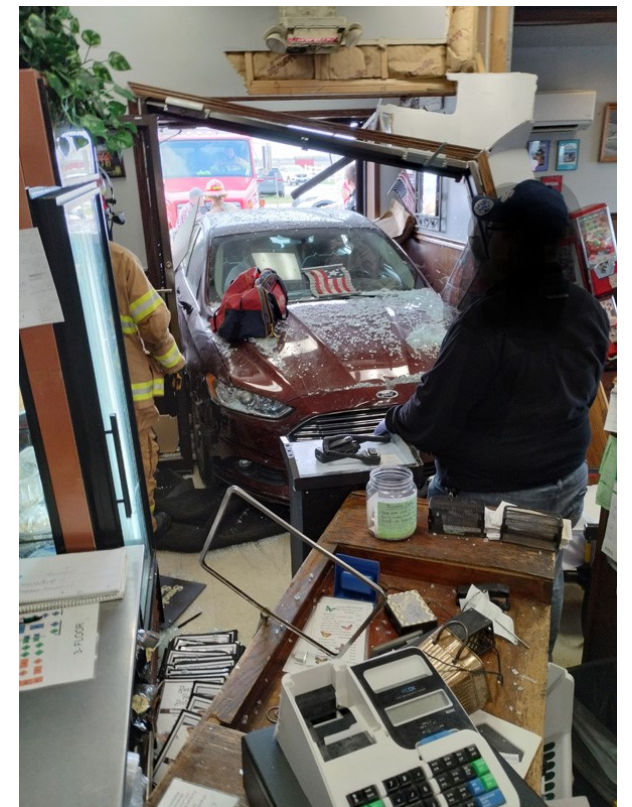
See **EMPLOYEES** on other side



Photos submitted

### Drive-in

Three people were taken to the hospital after a car drove into Rossville Family Restaurant, 715 S. Chicago, Sunday morning. Above, Rossville Fire Department, Rossville and Carle ambulances and Vermilion County Sheriff's Department vehicles are on the scene of the accident. Left, emergency responders work to get to faintly seen driver and passenger of the vehicle that drove into the restaurant. Rossville Family Restaurant was expected to be closed most of this week as the building is repaired. Further information was not available at press time.



## Briefly

### Meetings

A public hearing will be held on the City of Hoopeston proposed 2023-24 budget at 6 p.m. Friday at city hall. The budget may be viewed at city hall, 301 W. Main and on the city website, [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com)

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

## Employees continued from other side

Those positions will begin June 5.

For the Extended School Year program, which also begins June 5, the board approved hiring

- Kendra Lottinville and Jodie Havens, speech language pathologists for John Greer and Maple, respectively.
- Sara Troxel, Maple teacher, and Connie Huffman, John Greer teacher.
- Aides Debbie Pickett, Christy Wiggs, Mindy Copher, Erin Kempen, and Tami Hambleton.

The board accepted three resignations, from Carey Green, Maple personal aide; kindergarten teacher Alexa Morton; and Jamie Pruitt, John Greer Student Leadership Club sponsor, all at the end of this school year.

In unrelated personnel action, the board:

- Approved transferring Elizabeth McCool from Maple classroom aide to HAHS cafeteria next year.
- Approved Carl Ankenbrand's intent to retire as grade school art teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved renewing the list of support personnel.
- Approved Chris Catron as high school track volunteer, pending approved background check.

In financial action, the board approved:

- Pay request #11 for \$74,419.17 to Schomburg & Schomburg Construction for the cafeteria addition and HVAC improvements at the middle school, using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

**Stop by this week** and register to win an Amazon FIRE tablet. Open to patrons ages 13 and older. Register each time you visit! Entries available at the main desk. Drawing will be held May 13.

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages. This week, engineer a hand crank winch.

**HPL Seed Library** is open for the season. Stop by and "check out" a few packets of seeds as you make plans for your flower and vegetable gardens. Donations of leftover packaged seeds are still being accepted.

**Tech Time**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday. Want to read for free or manage your library account? We'll help you sent

(ESSER) funds.

- Partial payment of \$18,180 to TSI to install vinyl tile in the middle school over the coming summer.
- Payment of \$16,548.05 for wiring the athletic complex.
- Purchasing Hudl, a filming/streaming service for athlete events, with a three-year contract for \$24,000.
- A \$22,070 quote from Stout's Building Services to resurface the Maple multipurpose room floor.
- An estimate from Built-2-Last Construction to replace six middle school classroom doors for \$13,650.
- New goal posts from Anthem Sports, at a cost of \$8,634.99. The posts will be installed over the summer.
- ENTEC as the construction manager of the John Greer boiler replacement project, for \$40,000.

In other business, the board:

- Approved keeping closed executive session minutes from April 28, May 10, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 20, 2022 and destroying executive session minutes from April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16 and October 21, 2021.

- Took no action, due to lack of a motion, on Three Circles grant application for the 2023-24 year.
- Approved recognizing the honor cord system for graduating seniors and no longer recognize valedictorian and salutatorian, starting with the class of 2027.

up for phone or tablet. One-on-one assistance to set up Libby, Cloud Library or the Share Mobile app. No appointment necessary, but bring your fully charged device and any passwords you may need.

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

### Free pet spay/neutering offered

Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team (HART) recently received funding for a free spay/neuter voucher program to allow Hoopeston residents to get their pets 'fixed' for free!

For details, and information on how to apply, please call HART at 217-283-0779 from 1-5 p.m.. If you get the answering machine, please leave your name and phone number so we can return your call.

### Resident reminders

Residents who which to drive golf carts/UTVs in Hoopeston are reminded to make sure they have a valid permit to legally drive the vehicles in the city. The permit and self-inspection forms are available online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

Residents are reminded that golf carts and other such vehicles are not to be driven on the grassy areas in city parks. They may only be driven on dedicated city streets and alleys. Violators may be ticketed.

## Court Dispositions

### March 8

**Alaura D. Hall**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for theft, status hearing April 12.

**George Papametro**, Rantoul, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing April 12.

**Rickie C. Cade**, Hoopeston, appeared at initial appearance for general nuisance; fined only court costs of \$80; fine paid in full, case closed.

**Taylor M. Vaughn**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Holly R. Irvin**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for dangerous dog, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

## Weather

Chance of showers today. High 56. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 34. Tomorrow, sunny. High 57, low 33.

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

### Photo sought

ISO: Photo of the Himalaya ride that was present at the Hoopeston Sweet corn festival around the years 2008-2011. Photo must include the rides backdrop art and must be a clear photo (can read the Art's text). Photo should be emailed to: [412apartment2022@gmail.com](mailto:412apartment2022@gmail.com). A \$50 reward (Venmo or Zelle) and much thanks will be delivered to the provider.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for a new seasonal position. The position requires the prospective applicant to work 3 days a week with the water department and 2 days a week with the parks department. The position is physically demanding. The successful candidate must have a valid driver's license and the ability to run lawn equipment, be a self-starter, reliable and dependable, and also possess the willingness to learn and the drive to constantly improve his or her skills. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/). For more information, call 217-283-5833 or visit our website.

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The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at [www.vermilionhousing.com](http://www.vermilionhousing.com).

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

### RUMMAGE SALES

Milford Town-Wide Garage Sales Weekend April 28-29 Maps available April 26<sup>th</sup> at City Hall and Casey's

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