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HA board approves employees, pays off cafeteria project

With the August 21 start of school coming quickly, Hoopeston Area School Board acted on several matters for the new year.

In personnel matters, the board approved, pending background checks and other stipulations, Jhance Marshall, Maple personal aide; Amber Polly, second grade teacher; Rose Reyes, high school math teacher; Aimie Howie, middle school personal aide; Macalie Martinez, middle school classroom aide; Ben Cravens, middle school long term sub for Response to Intervention (RtI) teacher; Connie Huffman, John Greer Student Leadership Club sponsor; and Erin Henk, middle school softball coach

The board also approved Nick Gossett as middle/high school baseball volunteer and Chris Small as middle school baseball volunteer.

Resignations were accepted from Heather Tucker, district health coordinator and Erika Lee from the color guard stipend.

In financial matters, the board approved final payments on the cafeteria project and middle school renovations, with \$74,419.18 to Schomburg & Schomburg Construction and \$6,624.34 to The Upchurch Group for design, construction documents and project closeout.

Funds for the project came from the federal government's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III grant.

Other approved expenditures were:

- \$23,480 and \$15,890 to ENTEC to replace the Maple office and cafeteria air conditioning, respectively.
- \$37,100 to Stalker Sports Floors for gym floor sanding, painting and refinishing.
- \$175,600.01 to Carroll Seating for purchase and installation of gymnasium bleachers.
- Payment request #1, for \$90,900 to Silver Bros. Construction for Maple and John Greer restroom renovations, with funds coming from ESSER III.

Title 1 funds will be used to pay for several student-related expenses, including:

- \$21,217.50 to renew the ALEKS license for the year.
- \$17,199.07 for workbook sets from Great Minds.
- \$17,419.75 for license and Zspace programs from Blum.
- \$13,119.75 to renew the Hapara license.
- \$10,500 for student and teacher Social Emotional Learning subscriptions from 7 Mindsets.
- \$10,947.50 to purchase subscriptions from Teachtown and \$85,813.35 for curricular materials from McGraw Hill, both from Title funds.

In other business, the board approved:

- Posting for a school nurse for the coming year.
- Beginning contract discussions with the City of Hoopeston for a School Resource Officer for the coming year.

- Forgiveness of the remainder of the greenhouse loan.
- Fuel, milk and bread product bids.
- PressPlus Policy Issue 111 updates as presented.

High temperatures, higher heat indices require precautions

The National Weather Service is predicting temperatures of 90 degrees and above from Tuesday through Friday and is suggesting those who must be outside in the heat - as well as older people and those with health issues - take precautions. Pets can also be affected by hot weather.

To beat the heat and stay safe, experts list the following tips:

- Stay indoors in air conditioning, if possible. Slow down and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid those with caffeine or alcohol.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors that absorb the sun's rays.

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Jammie Wilson captures feature win #4 at Charleston Speedway

Ending a weekend of ups and downs, Jammie Wilson rebounded from a disappointing 10th place finish Friday night at Kankakee Speedway, which saw him finish third in his heat.

Starting fifth in the feature, he quickly moved into fourth and was pressing for third. After being cut off, he allowed some space before heading to the bottom to pass, but before he got the chance, the third place car ran into the back of the second place car, spinning both and blocking the entire track.

Wilson broke to the inside and made contact with the car of Chase Osterhoff. Thinking there was damage to the front end, Wilson pulled into the work area

but crew members found no damage. Returning to the track, he had to start at the back of the 21-car field. Making it back to 10 at the final of the 30-lap race, won by two-time national champion Jose Parga.

On Saturday night, Team Wilson traveled to Charleston, where Wilson qualified third fast and finished a close third in his heat. Starting fifth in the 15-lap feature, he made quick work, passing on the inside and gaining the lead coming out of turn 4 on the first lap. Wilson led in laps 1-9 before being passed on lap 10, but he quickly regained the lead, fighting off two challengers before pulling out the win.

Court Dispositions

June 14

Oscar O. Llamas, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus 21 days to abate; status hearing July 12.

Alejandra Limon, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance. She complied and was fined costs only of \$80. Fine paid in full, case closed.

Wanda C. Wallace, Hoopeston, appeared at initial appearance for general nuisance. She complied and was fined costs only of \$80; Fine paid in full, case closed.

Dharminder Singh, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$180. Fine paid in full, case closed.

Kayla R. Petty, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance for battery, fined \$180; status hearing July 12.

Briefly

HMA school supply applications

Hoopeston Multi Agency is taking registrations for Hoopeston Area school supply assistance until July 28. Families who need help are asked to call the office at 217-283-5544 between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and have the following information ready: Parents name and address, students name, grade, age and shoe size and whether it is an adult, kids or toddler shoe size. We will also ask you for the household size as well as the monthly income.

We reserve the right to ask for verification on any of the information.

Donations of school supplies or money to purchase them are also welcome.

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

Koffee & Konversation

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

At the library

Coffee, Craft & Conversation 10 a.m.-noon Wednes-

days. Needlecrafters and, along those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Truck Roundup, 2-3 p.m. Thursday on Fourth St. outside the library, will give kids and adults the chance to get up close to a variety of different working vehicles, including a fire truck, race car, ambulance and more.

The professionals who drive the vehicles will also be on hand to talk about their work

Truck Roundup wraps up HPL's summer fun.

For information on library programs stop by 110 N. Fourth St. or call (217) 283-6711.

School supply drive

First Church of God and Heritage Healthcare are doing a back-to-school drive. Supplies needed include pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, scissors, etc. Items may be dropped off at 515 W. Chestnut.

Food cupboard board seeks new members

Grant Township Food Cupboard Board of Directors is seeking new and younger members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Roark, President. Meetings are held quarterly.

Heat continued from other side

- Use a buddy system when working outdoors. Take frequent breaks.

- Check on family, friends and neighbors who don't have air conditioning or who live alone.

- Only leave people or pets in a vehicle that is running and air conditioning on.

- Those who don't have air conditioning may consider going to places that do during the hottest part of the day, such as stores, libraries and theaters.

Sometimes those who must be outdoors in extreme heat will suffer from heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Signs of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness exhaustion, move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

Heat stroke, left untreated, is life-threatening. Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number immediately if someone shows signs of heat

From the Blotter

An 82-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 7:19 a.m. Sunday that someone took a black 2005 GMC Envoy off of his property in the 800 block of East Penn. The theft is under investigation.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department, along with those from Rossville, Ranking, Wellington and Bluegrass, were called at 4:58 p.m. Sunday to structure fire in the 1000 block of East Orange. Further details were unavailable at press time.

Weather

Sunny today. High 90. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 71. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms/breezy late. High 90, low 71.

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

stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

Tips to help pets stay cool include:

- Make sure they have plenty of fresh, cool water.
- If your pets are outdoor animals, consider bringing them inside during the heat or make sure they have a shaded spot outdoors.

- Schedule walks during the morning or evening, avoiding the hottest part of the day. Be mindful of the surfaces your pets walk on. Pavement, blacktop and even sand can easily burn dogs' paws.

Classifieds

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Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is hiring a Director. Candidates need to have a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education or 60 semester hours of credit from an accredited college with a minimum of 18 credits in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and 6 hours of management coursework or the equivalent in experience. Starting salary is \$45,000 with consideration of compensation for previous experience. Please email applicationsmustardseed@gmail.com for more information.

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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.

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