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Superintendent talks new teachers, upgrades for new year

Submitted by **ROBERT RICHARDSON**
Hoopeston Area Superintendent

Good Morning Hoopeston Area Families!
The beginning of the 2023/2024 school year is here and we hope you had a wonderful summer. We would like to share some of the improvements we have accomplished over the summer. We thank everyone who helped us with updates this summer, we have a fantastic team.

We have added some new positions to our district staff to better serve our students and families:

- Terra Williamson will be serving as our English as a second Language teacher throughout the district.

- A district nurse is being hired to work at all school buildings to assist in serving the health needs of students throughout the day.
- HACUSD #11 has entered into an agreement with the City of Hoopeston for a School Resource Officer to serve at the schools throughout the year.

Our administrators have done a great job of locating some great new teachers to serve our students. We are nearly fully staffed with certified teachers. Administration will continue to search out certified individuals to fill openings as they occur.

Here are some of the improvements within the district for safety, convenience and comfort of our students, staff, and community members:

- Maple and John Greer restrooms have been remodeled with new partition walls and floor tiles to better serve our students. To assist our youngest students, hand dryers have been replaced at Maple to further encourage proper hand washing and drying.
- New slides are being installed to replace worn-out devices, and new benches have been installed in the playground areas of Maple and John Greer.
- New vinyl floor tile has been installed in the corridors at Hoopeston Area Middle School.
- To ensure safety, new parking lot bollards have been installed in front of the new cafeteria addition.
- A new coat of paint has been applied to the benches at HAMS and HAHS.
- New landscaping of the flower beds ensures a clean and attractive look to the buildings.
- New stadium bleachers have been installed in the athletic complex. The bleachers feature ADA accessibility, including a ramp to provide access, cutouts in the front row of the bleachers to allow access for wheelchairs or mobility aids, and hard surfaces up to the ramp.
- The older goal posts have been replaced and upgraded.
- Landscaping has been installed and the ticket booth/marketing store has been refurbished to serve student and

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Briefly

Vendors sought

Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference are seeking vendors for their upcoming annual vendor fair on September 23rd, interested vendors can email hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com or message them on Face-

Obituaries

COONCE - Mary Leona (Lephiew) Coonce, 73, of Hoopeston, died at 5:27 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 5-6 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the donor's local animal shelter. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

DAVIS - Courtney L. Diskin Davis, 40, of Bloomington, died Saturday, August 19, 2023, at home. She was cremated. Visitation will be 9 a.m. - noon Saturday at Gibson City Bible Church. Memorials are suggested to the family to be used towards her children's college fund. Cox-Knapp Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.coxknapp.com.

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Grief Share

A new Grief Share group will be held September 10 through December 10. The group will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St. There is no cost for the group, which is meant to help anyone who is struggling with the loss of a loved one.

People interested can call 217-283-6738 between 8 a.m. and noon Mondays - Thursdays.

WMD winners

July winners in the Hoopeston Area Women Making a

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

Heritage Health and First Church of God would like to thank all the business and organizations for donating school supplies for their Back to School Blast!!! We went to wish all Hoopeston Schools a great school year!

Brandon Klaber
Hoopeston

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community needs, including a space for storage and display of Cornjerker apparel at athletic events.

●School zone signage and beacons with speed indicators have been installed on Orange Street, and crosswalk signs with flashing indicators will be installed soon.

●New gym bleachers and a newly refinished gym floor have been added in the middle school gym to provide safe and comfortable seating for our indoor athletic events.

Countless hours of cleaning, removing and rebuilding have taken place throughout the summer months. Thank you to the custodial and summer crew for their efforts to make our facilities clean, updated, and beautiful.

1st semester calendar reminders:

- Sept. 4 Labor day - No School
- Sept. 20 School Improvement Day 12:05/12:20 dismissal
- Sept. 29 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20
- Oct. 9 Columbus Day - No School
- Oct. 18 School Improvement Day 12:05/12:20 dismissal
- Oct. 25 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 Parent/Teacher conferences 3-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 Parent/Teacher conferences 3-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 No School

Difference drawing were: \$50, Sally Patton, \$30, Lynne Harnsberger and \$20, Deb Hughes.

August winners are: \$50, Tammie Clapper; \$30, Jim Buhrmester and \$20, Susie Layden (donated back).

Sports

Volleyball

The Lady Cornjerkers travelled to PBL Tuesday to face the Panthers in their second non-conference matchup of the young season. After falling in the first set, HA came roaring back to take the second. During the third, the ladies fell behind by as many as 10 points, only to come storming back within two, only to fall just short. The match final was 25-15, 13-25, 25-23 in PBL's favor.

Kaitlynn Lange led the Cornjerker attack with six kills, followed by Brylie Cox with four. Consistent serving by Emmalee Bruens and Charissa Johnson enabled the Jerkers to score eight points each when they were serving.

Hoopeston returns to action Thursday night, with a state line crossing tilt against Attica, Ind.

- Nov. 10 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20
- Nov. 21 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 - Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 22 No School - Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 23 No School - Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 24 No School - Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 8 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20
- Dec. 20 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 for Christmas break
- Jan. 3 Teacher Institute Day - No student attendance
- Jan. 4 School Resumes

Here is a link to the Hoopeston Area school district 23/24 school calendar: [Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 Calendar 2023-24](#)

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 board, administration and staff strive every day to make our education and facilities the best to serve our students, staff, families and the community. We are expecting a great school year!

Weather

EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING through 10 p.m. Thursday. Hot today. High 96. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 72. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 89, low 68.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to justthefacts.net/weather/.

Rich Stipp to speak

Rich Stipp, retired teacher and coach at Hoopeston Area Schools will be the guest speaker at Grace Lutheran Church at 4 on Saturday, August 26th. Along with teaching and coaching, Rich lead Sunday devotions on WHPO radio for several years. Everyone is invited to attend.

Following the church service, a spaghetti dinner will be held at the Rankin Lions' Club. The meal will include all you can eat spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The meal will be served from 5-8 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted. This event is sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church.

Questions Call Patty 217 249 2594.

Classifieds

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