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Brayden Bouse gets nod as middle, high school baseball coach

Brayden Bouse is moving from an assistant coaching position in the Hoopeston Area district to a head coaching job.

At its November 17 meeting, Hoopeston Area School Board approved Bouse as the head coach of the high school baseball program for the 2023-24 year and of the middle school program for the 2024-25 year.

Bouse is the middle school's girls PE teacher. The board also approved his resignation as assistant golf coach for the 2024-25 year, effective November 8.

In other personnel action, the board approved transferring Lea Morgan from Response to Intervention

(RtI) teacher to Maple second grade teacher and hired Gracie Eighner as long term sub as Maple RtI teacher for the rest of this school year, effective October 16.

Tentative approval was given to volunteers, pending background checks for Hope Hambleton, high school cheer; Abel Colunga and Joshton Schwartz, high school wrestling; and Ethan Smith and Devon Stephens for high school baseball.

In financial action, the board payments of \$28,000 to Ideal Environmental Engineering for ACM services for the middle school floor tile abatement.

- \$156,486.50 to ENTEC for the new John Greer boiler.
- \$26,390 quote from LANZ Underground Solutions for sewer pipe lining at the high school.
- \$42,103 to Bennett Electronic Service for installation and repair of the middle/high school intercom.

The board also approved a soccer cooperative with Armstrong Township High School for the 2024-25 school year.

McDonald named to vball HOF

In partnership with Great Lakes Volleyball Region, Illinois Volleyball Association is pleased to announce that St. Joseph-Ogden volleyball head coach Abby McDonald was inducted into the IVCA Hall of Fame.



McDONALD

Under her leadership, the SJO volleyball program regularly records 20-win seasons. In 2019, McDonald celebrated her 300th win and earlier this season earned her 400th career coach win.

McDonald, a second-grade teacher by trade, took over the head coaching position at St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2008. Since then, the Spartans have won nine IHSA regional titles, two sectional and two supersectional titles. In 2016, the team finished as runner-up in the IHSA Class 2A state tournament and she led the program back again in 2019, when the finish third in the state.

The veteran coach has amassed 417 wins against just 95 losses and looks to continue to build on her coaching legacy.

She graduated from Hoopeston Area High School in 2001. She was a three-sport athlete earning ten varsity levels. After a two-year stint at Danville Community College - where she was team captain, All-Conference, and the team's MVP - she also ranked in the top 10 in the nation for assists per game.

After two years at DACC, McDonald transferred to University of Illinois-Springfield where she quickly found herself back in a leadership role as a team captain and starter for the Prairie Stars.

McDonald is the daughter of Ken and Dana Kuntz, of Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

Suzie M. Davis, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:47 p.m. Sunday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. Employees said Davis was in the business after having previously being banned and alleged she tried to take items without paying.

Davis was charged with criminal trespass to real property and retail theft and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

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

Builders Club, 3:30 Friday, for kids of all ages. Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more

The Ho-Ho-Holiday Book Sale is going on now in the upstairs north youth room. Everything is for sale by donation

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The free family photo event on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The free December adult craft. Make a hanger snowflake at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11.

Sign up by calling (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room.

Euchre group meets Wednesday starting 12:30.

Senior Dinner/Dance Saturday, Dec. 9. Dinner 5-6 p.m., Entertainment 6-8 p.m. with the Dixie Flyer group, on their farewell tour.

Please call to make reservations.

Sports

Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area notched another win in a 68-49 victory over LaSalette Friday.

Senior Mason Rush was the top point-getter, with 18, followed by fellow seniors Owen Root 17, Kendrick Sigerill 13 and Wyatt Eisenmann 12. Juniors Trenton Montez and Dylan Judy kicked in five and three points, respectively. Rush hit five of 13 from the three-point area, and Judy and Root each had one from downtown.

Root led in rebounds, with 17, followed by Eisenmann with 12, Montez with five, Sigerill with five and Judy three.

It was a different story Saturday when the Cornjerkers came home with their third defeat of the season, losing 56-44 to Clifton Central.

Root had 11 points and six rebs for the night, while Eisenmann scored 10 and Sigerill eight. Montez had seven, Rush added four and Zach Huchel and Dylan Judy added two each.

Hoopeston Area is 5-3 overall and are set host PBL Friday and take it to Salt Fork Saturday.

Obituaries

LAWSON - Norma J. (Galloway) Lawson, 94, of Titusville, Fla., formerly of Stockland, died Saturday, November 25, 2023, at St. Francis Reflections in Titusville. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Tuesday, December 12, at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in Sheldon Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Church of God, 1340 TN-39, Englewood TN 37329. Condolences may be shared at www.baierfuneralhome.com.

Weather

Chance of rain/snow, then chance of rain today. High 42. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 40, low 33.

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