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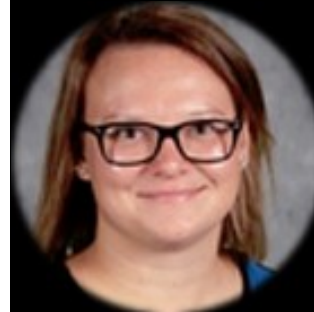
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Watseka teacher arrested after students allege grooming

A Hoopeston woman is being held in the Iroquois County Jail on charges of grooming and distributing harmful material after allegations that she made inappropriate comments to students at Watseka High School.

Baylee Bushong, 23, an agri-business teacher at Watseka Junior High School and Watseka High School, was arrested Thursday, October 10, after Watseka Police conducted "a short investigation" into the allegations, which police were notified of on October 8.

According to a police statement, numerous students were interviewed at the Children's Advocacy Center in Watseka, alleging Bushong made inappropriate comments to students while in class and that on a few occa-



WCBS photo

sions, students were shown pornographic images.

The investigation is ongoing and more charges may be pending, according to the police statement.

District Supt. David Andriano said Bushong was placed on administrative leave when the investigation started and will remain on leave.

"We are fully cooperating with DCFS and law enforcement in their investigation," he said in a statement. "The safety and security of our students is our number

one priority."

Andriano said future questions could be directed to DCFS or the Watseka Police Department. The district has been advised not to make further comment at this time.



Apple blossom time?

It's not often one sees blossoms on apple trees the first week of October, but a Red Delicious apple tree brought forth the late flowers during the recent warm spell. The blossoms will be short-lived as frost and freezing is predicted later this week.

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday. Agenda items include changes to the water fee ordinance, changing the wording on the cost of initial connection when new service is connected to any city service. Currently \$800, the suggested change would be \$800 or the actual costs incurred by the city as calculated by the water collector. The second change would modify the ordinance that reads: There shall be a fifty dollar reconnection fee during regular business hours for any water service disconnected due to non-payment," to read "outside regular hours. Also on the agenda are citizens advisory committee, zoning board of appeals appointments, zoning appeal, ordinance book and downtown project.

Complete agenda and Zoom link are at cityof-hoopeston.com.

Columbus Day closings

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closed and the van will not run Monday.

Hoopeston Public Library will be closed.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Littles at the Library, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Toddler/preschool story and activity time.

Coffee, Crafts & Conversation, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon.

KIDS' STEAM, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, in the children's room. This week, Science with a levitating pump-

kin experiment. Kids will decorate a small pumpkin.

Youth Jam, upstairs in the youth room. 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, "Why do magnets work?" Make magnetic slime.

Free Adult Craft, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28. This month, Wineglass Pumpkin Candle Holder. Space is limited. Call or stop by to register.

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

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday, October 14, weather permitting. This is for yard waste only. No landscape timbers, blocks, fencing, concrete or garbage will be taken. If any of these items are in the leaves, brush or limbs, the pile will not be picked up. Illinois EPA has strict guidelines on what may be disposed of.

Residents whose property does not abut an alley may

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken, green beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash browns, broccoli, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: French bread pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy Juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken, veggies, green beans, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Teriyaki stir fry, fried rice, veggies, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or BBQ rib/bun, refried beans, chops & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Teriyaki stir fry or hamburger/bun, fried rice, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice.

place piles at curbside but not in the gutters.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be August 17.

Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

Change in bulk garbage collection

The drop off location for Saturday's bulk garbage will be at the Republic Services landfill at 163210 E. 4000 North Rd., Hoopeston. Items will be accepted from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires,

From the Blotter

Jayla Thornell, 21, of Danville, was ticketed after a traffic stop Thursday at 9:34 p.m. at South Second Ave. and West Lincoln. She was cited for speeding and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Miranda Williams, 32, of Watseka, was ticked after a traffic stop at 11:45 p.m. Friday at West Thompson and North Dixie Hwy. She was charged with driving while license suspended and given a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Lisa Bitzel, 59, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:50 p.m. Saturday for a civil disturbance in the 600 block of North Fifth St.

She was charged with assault and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Police were called at 9:32 a.m. Saturday to the 300 block of Front St. for a theft complaint. Alexander Napier, 29, of Hoopeston, was charged with the offense. He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 59. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 37. tomorrow, patchy frost, mostly sunny, chance of frost late. High 54, low 34..

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

batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed.

Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

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