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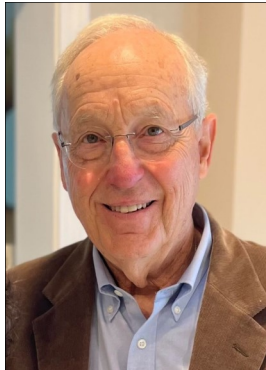
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Ryder to be inducted into state track/cross country hall of fame

A former Hoopeston coach will be inducted in the 2025 Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January.

Quentin Ryder has been nominated for the honor, one of eight new inductees to be honored during the annual ITCCCA Hall-of-Fame Banquet on Saturday January 11, 2025 at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca.



RYDER

Long known as one of the premier coaches in the Illiana area, Quentin Ryder started the boys cross country program at Hoopeston High School in 1967, and coached the boys team at both Hoopeston High School and Hoopeston-East Lynn High School for 33 seasons. He started the girls cross country program at Hoopeston-East Lynn High School in 1983, and coached the girls' teams for 17 seasons.

In 39 total seasons of coaching track and field, 35 were spent at Hoopeston. In boys track and field, he was an assistant coach for 14 seasons and head coach for eight seasons. He then became girls head coach for 10 seasons

and finished his track career at Hoopeston as assistant girls coach for three seasons. He capped his career in track and field as an assistant girls' coach for four seasons at Lena-Winslow High School.

While an assistant track & field coach at Hoopeston-East Lynn, alongside head coach Dick Hobbs and fellow assistant Bob Doty, he helped guide the Cornjerkers to a second place team finish in the 1975 IHSA State Track meet. Throughout his track & field coaching career, Cornjeker athletes won two individual IHSA State Meet titles and two IHSA State Meet relay championships, with a total of 25 IHSA All-State medals earned.

As head coach of the Cornjeker harriers, he guided his 1979 Boys Cross Country team to a third place finish at the IHSA State Cross Country finals. He twice coached the individual runner-up at the IHSA State finals and his athletes earned IHSA All-State honors on eight occasions.

When he retired, his 311 dual meet wins in cross country at Hoopeston and Hoopeston-East Lynn were the all-time record for career wins in the state of Illinois and his 22 dual meet wins in the 1975 season at Hoopeston-East Lynn was the all-time state record for most dual meet wins in one season. He also garnered one undefeated season, going 17-0 in 1972.

See RYDER on other side

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STALEY - Wendy Elaine Staley, 57, of Hoopeston, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at OSF St Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born October 6, 1967, in Danville, the daughter of Robert P. Staley Sr. and Juanita (Jackson) Staley.



WENDY STALEY

She is survived by three daughters, Amanda (Todd) Coon of Hoopeston, Samantha Beatty (Derrick Manson) of Melvin, and Taylor Beatty (Justin Redman) of Hoopeston; two sisters, Dawn (Joe) Deaton of Hoopeston, and Lisa Staley of Watseka; two brothers, Robert P. Staley Jr. of Hoopeston, and Jeff Staley of Hoopeston; three grandchildren, Chase Baird, Jerrika Manson, and Rosalynn Redman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and

HA boys open bowling season with win over Bloomington

Led by seniors Jacob Rush and Josh Sanford Hoopeston Area defeated Bloomington. Rush led all scores with a 577 and Josh 559. Chase Wilson had a 548 and high game of 210.

In a JV match, Hoopeston also defeated Bloomington, led by freshman Waylon Page 555 and Owen Fields 548 and Jackson Silvers 540. Page had high game of 219.

The team faces Danville and Lincoln Monday at Fast lanes before traveling to a very tough Collinsville invitational Saturday.

Ryder continued from other side

The Hall of Fame Committee focuses on Three C's - Coaching record, Contribution to the sports outside of coaching, and Character.

This year's inductees have won a total of 15 state championships, 32 state trophies, and coached 37 individual state champions.

Ryder was one of the inaugural class of inductees into the Hoopeston Area High School Hall of Fame in 2012.

Obituaries

Juanita Staley, and one sister, Amy.

Wendy was a homemaker, caring for her family. She loved to sing, cook, and spend time with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed sitting outdoors and drinking a cup of coffee.

Visitation will be held 5 - 7 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2024, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 15, 2024, at the funeral home, with Pastor Micah Mobley officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Wendy to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692,

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:16 p.m. Saturday for an active smoke alarm in the 600 block of North Sixth St. Fire personnel cleared without incident.

From the Blotter

Candi Northrup, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:33 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of North Dixie Hwy.

Police charged her with no valid driver's license and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. She was processed at the police station and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, showers likely today, tonight. High 57, low 46. Tomorrow, showers then cloudy. High 54, low 38

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Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Wendy's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

VANHOVELN - Joan Marie (Lucht) VanHoveln, 84, of Milford, died Sunday, November 10, 2024, at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, Schwer. Burial will follow in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Schwer. Memorials are suggested to the church or Iroquois Memorial Hospice. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at knappfuneralhomes.com.

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HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Public Library is looking for someone to do snow removal on the property this winter. Work will include clearing all sidewalks, entrance areas, and steps before the library opens, salting all walkways, and retreating/re-shoveling as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. Call Tricia Freeland at the library 217-283-6711 for more details.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a fulltime Street & Alley position. Applicants must have CDL or ability to obtain one within 60 days of hire. Ability to operate and maintain equipment a plus. For more information, call City Hall, 217-283-5833. Applications may be picked up and returned to City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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