Kearney returns as high school dean, Pratt named MS dean

Michl Kearney, Hoopeston Area Middle School dean of students, is returning to a previous position he held in the district.

At Thursday’s meeting, Hoopeston Area School Board approved transferring him from the middle school position to its counterpart at Hoopeston Area High School in the coming school year. Kearney, hired in 2009, has also served as a teacher and coach at Hoopeston Area.

Stephanie Pratt, currently a middle school special education teacher, was hired as the building’s dean of students. She started her career in the district in 2015.

Current dean of students Jerud VanDyke was transferred to middle school PE teacher.

In other personnel action, several long-term subs were approved, including:
- Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, fifth grade teacher for the first 12 weeks,
- John Morris, high school English,
- Devon Stephens, middle school PE,
- Kevin Heiser, seventh grade science,
- Ben Cravens, middle school self-contained special education, and
- Karen Eighner, sixth grade English language arts.

New hires, pending licensure and background checks, include:
- McKenzie Baughn, middle school assistant softball coach,
- Kenzie Baughn, middle school assistant student council advisor.

Resignations of Charles Wallace, middle school PE teacher and Alyssa Young as cheer coach, were accepted.

In fiscal action, the board approved:
- Bids for fuel and milk
- Installation of a hard surface walkway to the athletic complex by Silver Brothers for $24,000.
- A $13,716 pay request from Sprinkman Insulation for insulating pipes in the John Greer Tunnel.
- Purchasing Eureka math curriculum from Great Minds for $13,602.72.
- Purchasing ALEKS subscription renewal from McGraw Hill for the upcoming year for $19,147.50.
- The cost of the online tutoring and assessment program for math, chemistry and other subjects, will be paid with Title I funds.
- A middle school health curriculum from Goodheart-Willcox Publishing for $15,282.67 of Title I money.
- ZSpace subscription renewals for eight devices through fiscal year 2024 from Blumm, at a cost of $14,379.28, to be paid with Title I funds.
- Spending $15,625 to purchase an ActivelyLearn subscription for Achieve 3000 for the coming fiscal year. Title I funds will be used.
- A pay request from Upchurch Group for design, documents, bidding and construction of the cafeteria addition. The $16,776.41 request will be paid from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.
- A pay request from Schomburg & Schomburg Construction, Inc., for $285,930 for the cafeteria addition. The project is funded with ESSER money.
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- Purchasing a 14-passenger, Type A Microbird school activity bus from Central States Bus Sales for $86,670.
**Meetings**

- Hoopeston parks committee meeting, rescheduled from Friday to 6 p.m. Wednesday, city hall. Agenda items include events in the park-rental and water fountain donation.
- Hoopeston police pension board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, city hall, to review the current status of pensions.

Zoom links to the meetings are at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

**Christmas in July**

Help Hoopeston Jaycees stock their shelves for Christmas! The group is holding a Christmas in July toy drive until July 29. The Jaycees continue to sponsor Toys for Kids each Christmas season, which allows parents to shop for their children. We consistently serve more than 150 children each year.

**School continued from other side**

- Buying a new utility tractor for AIHW for $19,404.
- A quote from Silver Brothers to repair outside stairs at John Greer for $24,000 per staircase.
- A memorandum of understanding for coaching stipends for the 2022-23 school year.
- Waived the first reading and approve the district interior pest management plan.
- A change order from Schomburg & Schomburg to regrade the high school parking lot.
- A memorandum of understanding for coaching stipends for the 2022-23 school year.

**Obituaries**

**HOSHAUER** - Michelle L. Hoshauer, 50, of Hoopeston, formerly of Gibson City, died Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Rosenbaum Funeral Home, 925 North, IL-47, Gibson City. A celebration of her life will begin at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared at [www.roosenbaumfh.com](http://www.roosenbaumfh.com).

**MAULDIN** - Thomas Mauldin, DVM, 90, of Cissna Park, died Friday, July 15, 2022, in Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service August 18 at United Methodist Church, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Woods of Watseka Memory Care or Cissna Park Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be mailed to Knapp Funeral Home, 219 W. Blaine St., Cissna Park IL 60924, or shared online at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**Weather**

Increasing clouds today, High 77. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of showers, Low 61. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 76, low 67. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather.

**From the Blotter**

Patrick Short, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., at 6:32 p.m. July 17, for a reported theft. He was arrested at 4:33 p.m. Wednesday, charged with theft and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A 15-year-old Hoopeston boy was charged with battery after an 18-year-old Paxton man reported at 6:38 p.m. Wednesday, that he was battered in the 300 block of East Seminary. The boy was charged, processed and released to a parent.

**Court Dispositions**

**June 8**

Kyle L. Justice, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; abatement order still in effect; new status hearing July 13.

David J. Ingram, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restraint of dogs; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Ronald L. Howe, Hoopeston, trial reset to August 10 for unlawful acts constituting disorder.

Thad Finnell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at trial for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined $280; new status hearing July 13.

**Classifieds**

**HELP WANTED**

Premier Cooperative is looking to fill a full time operations position at Rossville. Fall seasonal positions also available at Rossville, Effiss, Collison, and Reilly. Call 217-599-0310.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Step by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0

Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician/Industrial Maintenance position. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified police officers.

**Houses for Rent**

Hoopeston 4 bedroom one level house large yard, and 2 bedroom ground level duplex. Text or call 217-495-2271.