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Nearly-ousted coach named HA athletic director for 2018-19

A man whose job as Hoopeston Area High School basketball coach was in jeopardy in March has been named district athletic director.

Matt Colston submitted his resignation as head basketball coach prior to the March 15 school board meeting. However, after public outcry, the board tabled action on the resignation.

At Thursday's meeting, Colston was named athletic director for the 2018-19 school year. He replaces Michl Kearney, whose resignation as athletic director, was accepted at the March meeting, effective at the end of this year.

Colston has been employed by the district since 2012 and is a high school world geography and history teacher.

The board also approved personnel changes for the 2018-19 year including:

- Moving Bryan Piggush from special ed teacher to self-contained special ed teacher at John Greer.
- Moving Sarra Rigsby from high school personal



COLSTON

aide to middle school in-school suspension supervisor.

- Moving Jeanie Hesse from high school classroom aide to high school in-school suspension supervisor.
- Changing Trey Stille from Maple PE teacher John Greer/middle school/high school PE teacher.
- Moving Kearney from high school PE to middle school PE.
- Employing teachers Robert Gossett as Maple PE and Nicholas Dziadosz, high school English.
- Hiring Ashley Powell as half high school basketball cheerleading coach starting May 17; Tina Jackson as John Greer special ed personal aide; Emily Fuhler, John Greer Student Leadership Club sponsor; Dave Cox, eighth grade boys basketball coach; and Stephanie Pratt, middle school softball head coach.

- Resignations from Kyle Ramos, eighth grade boys basketball coach and high school assistant football
- See HA on other side

City council approves 2018 Motor Fuel Tax street repairs

Some Hoopeston streets will get a facelift as part of the city's motor fuel tax program.

At its May 15 meeting, Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax road repair program.

Engineer Tracy Billings, of C2 Engineering, said she toured all city streets with street/alley committee chairman Ald. Ryan Anderson, to rate each on a worst-to-best scale of 1-5. Citywide, the average ranking was 2.8 and all streets that will receive a coat of oil and a coat of chip were

rated 2 or less. The streets are:

- Tenth Ave., between Young and Honeywell, Thompson and McCracken and McCracken and Young.
- Ninth Ave., between Thompson and McCracken, Young and Honeywell and Honeywell and Seminary.
- Seventh Ave., between Thompson and McCracken.

Honeywell, between Ninth Ave. and Eighth Ave., Eighth Ave. and Seventh Ave., and Seventh Ave. and Sixth Ave.

Eighth Ave., between Penn and Washington and Washington and the park entrance.

See ROAD on other side

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the May 17 issue that the Hoopeston City Council approved an updated peddler's ordinance. The ordinance was discussed but was tabled for future action.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

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coach; Jessica Burke, high school assistant girls basketball coach; Beth Garrison, second grade teacher; Hanna Duke, sixth grade teacher; Carl Heuer, middle school PE teacher, middle school/high school boys baseball coach; Hillary Young, speech language pathologist and fifth/sixth grade Scholastic Bowl coach; and Brent Lockhart, high school assistant soccer coach.

- Retirements of John Greer secretary Dana Knoll and Curt Spaur, district building/grounds supervisor.
- Gloria Jahn as a John Greer volunteer.

In other personnel matters, the board voted 5-0 to approve a memorandum of understanding between itself and Hoopeston Education Association which will allow the district to hire for positions not listed in the current contract, such as head and assistant middle school softball coaches and a horticulture club sponsor.

“This means that they’re available to be filled, not necessarily that they will be,” said board President Mark Schaumburg.

Board members Debbie Klaber and Chris Elliott were absent for the vote, with Elliott arriving later in the meeting.

The board also:

- heard reports from Emily Brown, curriculum coordinator, and Amy Linares, community liaison.
- had a first reading on policies on board member compensation and expenses and travel expenses for all personnel.

Road continued from other side

Sixth Ave., between Rt. 9 and Scott Dr. and Scott Dr. and the city limit.

Third St., between Thompson and Wyman.

Fourth St., between Judson and McNeil.

Fifth St. between Judson and McNeil.

Sixth St. between Judson and McNeil.

Elm St., between Third St. and Fourth St.

Seventh St. (east edge) between Maple and Elm

Penn between Fourth and Fifth streets

Fifth St. between Main and Penn

Sixth St. between Maple and Elm

In other action, the council:

Responded to questions from residents Stan Steiner and Don Jackson about the city’s infrastructure fee and newly implemented dispatch fee. Jackson asked if both are permanent. “If you look at it, it’s only \$19 a month,” he said, “but if you look at it long term, that’s a lot of mon-

From the Blotter

A **60-year-old** resident of the 700 block of East Honeywell reported at 3:37 p.m. Wednesday that someone stole her identity. Police are investigating.

A **38-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 4:08 p.m. Wednesday that someone had been in her home in the 600 block of East Main without her permission.

Richard Strawser, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at the police station after police investigated a

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Taco Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pork BBQ/bun, fries, mixed fruit, Sunset Sip juice, milk

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, Sunchips, baby carrots, sliced apples, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: Cook’s choice

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: Cook’s choice

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: Cook’s choice

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: Cook’s choice

ey,” asking why the city did not just raise property taxes.

Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said for some things, like the annual audit, officials can tax at the actual cost but that for most categories, taxes are a specified percentage. “Those things are all at the max,” he said. He further explained low property values and low property tax lead to a lower equalized assessed valuation and less money for taxing bodies.

Jackson suggested the infrastructure fee should be based on usage so that a high-usage resident “would be paying more of his fair share.”

Stan Steiner asked if commercial entities, which use more water, would pay more. “It’s more important to (Teasdale) Foods and the hospital than it is to me,” he said.

While the fee will not be increased for them, Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer committee chair, said it

complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Strawser was charged with nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Gage Foster, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 1:10 a.m. Friday in the 500 block of West Main. He was charged with possession of cannabis and of drug paraphernalia and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Obituaries

CRAMER - Lois F. (Carter) Cramer, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation was 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House.

RUNGE - Clyde Albert Otto Runge, 81, of St. Simons Island, Ga., died at 9:50 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2018 at Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, Ga. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525 or Magnolia Manor, 2255 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

will be imposed on individuals living in multi-unit structures like Centennial Manor and Parkview Court.

Goodwine said the city budgets \$1,250,000 to provide police protection and dispatch services.

Ald. Brandon Hamilton said police wages and benefits make up 30 percent of the city’s budget and eleven percent goes for salary and benefits of dispatchers. In total, more than 70 percent of the budget is taken up by personnel costs, he said.

Crusinberry suggested that, due to lack of revenue from the state and increasing costs, the fees would be permanent. “We do the most we can with the income we have.”

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 78, low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 81, low 60.

Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: Monday Maniacs, 3:30-4 p.m. Wild and wacky fun for kids in grades 3-6.

PEP dinner

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its People Enjoying People Potluck at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

Food cupboard hours to change

Effective June 1, Hoopeston Food Cupboard will be open 12:30-2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, except holidays. This a permanent schedule change.

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The Village of Rossville is accepting applications for part time police officers. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2018 at Rossville Municipal Building, 120 E. Attica Street, Rossville, IL 60963. The office is open Mon-Fri 9a-5p. Candidates must complete application, submit resume and sign waiver for background check. Must be available to work nights and weekends.

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