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## Hoopeston Area grade school students present winter event

On Tuesday, December 14 the Elementary Concert and Cadet bands, and the John Greer Chorus produced their Winter Concert in the John Greer gym. Approximately 175 students played and sang musical selections highlighting the holiday season.

This was the first concert for the 2004-2005 Cadet Band composed of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students who started taking weekly lessons the last week in September. Their performance included the traditional, "Hot Cross Christmas Buns", "Merri-ly We Roll Along", Symphony No. 9 by Beethoven, and "Jingle Bells".

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus sang an upbeat version of "The Happy Wanderer" complete with percussion accompaniment. Their portion of the program also included the beautiful "Dona Nobis Pacem"(Give Us Peace) and the "Calypso Clapping Carol".

The Concert Band began their part of the concert with their rendition of the Marching Illini entrance complete with a light show and percussion feature. They continued with a medley of Christmas tunes including the "Ukrainian Bell Carol" and melodies from the "Nutcracker Ballet."



Theta Lee, right, conducts the fifth and sixth grade Concert Band during the Winter Concert on Dec. 14. The event showcased Honeywell and John Greer band and choral students.

Photo contributed

2005 Music Booster Calendars are available through any music student grades 4-12, music instructors or at the following businesses: Brown's Woodwork, Global Fashion, Russ Leigh and Associates, Terri's Beauty and Barber, Carolyn's and The Razor's Edge. If you need delivery call Terri Hambleton (217) 283- 9608 or Bev Hinkle (815) 984-3161. Music Booster Calendars give the opportunity to win \$50 each weekday of 2005 and \$100 on concert days. They are also wonderful scrapbooks of the music groups and musical events that occur throughout the year.

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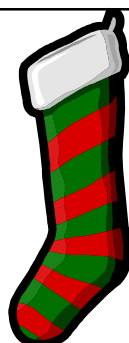


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## Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle half day; Friday, closed for Christmas. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Wednesday, cards, noon; Thursday, office open half day; Friday, closed for Christmas.

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Dec. 20, Leah Sheppard; Dec. 21, Monty Schroeder; Dec. 22, Kimberly Hamilton; Dec. 23, Chuck and Dorothy Pajor (donated back); Dec. 24, Fred and Mary Zemke (donated back).

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

## Fifth case of whooping cough confirmed in Vermilion County

Following confirmation of a fifth case of pertussis in Vermilion County, health officials are urging parents to use caution this holiday season at family gatherings and other events where groups of people assemble. Public health nurse Pam Hull said people should use common sense when it comes to holiday gatherings. "Obviously, if a child is sick keep him or her home," she said.

To date, five county residents have confirmed cases of pertussis; one is a probable case. Ages range from infant to teenagers. The health department is continuing to interview family and friends of the confirmed individuals. "The infant was too young to have received pertussis immunization," Hull said.

Commonly known as 'whooping cough', pertussis usually affects children who have not been vaccinated. Adults vaccinated as children may become infected if the effectiveness of their immunization has waned.

Symptoms can appear in from five to 21 days after exposure and can include a long series of coughs or coughing 'fits', followed by a whooping noise. Generally there is little or no fever but coughing can be followed by vomiting, difficulty breathing, and skin color-

ing may take on a shade of blue. Usually, coughing increases at night, and does not decrease with the use of cough medicines.

Anyone exhibiting cold symptoms that worsen in 1-2 weeks should contact their medical provider for testing and treatment. For more information, call Hull at (217) 431-2662, or visit the health department's website at [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org).

### Police News



A **black Motorola** cell phone was found Sunday at North Sixth Ave. near West Honeywell. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

### Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 40. Tonight and tomorrow, chance of snow. Low tonight 17. Tomorrow, high 21, low 7.

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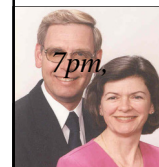
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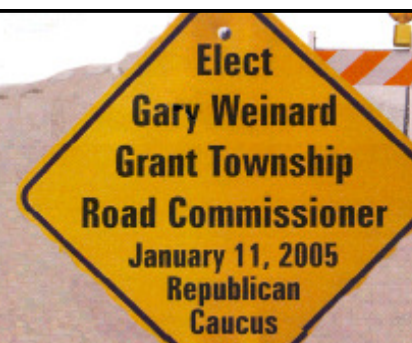
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