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Hoopeston Area board considering request to use Jerky

Hoopeston Area School Board is considering a request to allow the Jerky to be used in materials for the Cornjerker Nation.

At Thursday night's board meeting, Susan Comstock requested permission to use the original school mascot as part of materials for Cornjerker Nation, part of Comstock's "Be a Part of It" efforts.

Comstock told the board that a design featuring the original Jerky would be used in flags that may be purchased by residents and others. The flags will be in different sizes, at different prices, with proceeds going to Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters.

If permission is granted, the design, created by Curt Ellis and incorporating the Cornjerker designed by former coach Dick Hobbs, will also be used on a billboard on the north side of Hoopeston.

Comstock explained to the board that volunteers are working throughout Hoopeston to improve the appearance of the city and that responses have also come from around the world through the group's Facebook page. "Our common denominator for all Hoopeston is the Jerky," she said, adding she hopes to have the flags completed and sold—along with more silhouettes in downtown windows—by the Labor Day weekend National Sweetcorn Festival. In addition to those projects, the "Be a Part of It" group also plans to create a memorial to Coach Hobbs at the downtown parking lot next to State Farm Insurance. The area will include a pergola and benches, Comstock said.

While praising the idea, board president Mark Waggoner said he wants to discuss the idea with the Sports Boosters before giving a final answer. "I don't see a problem but I want to make sure all our bases are covered," he said.

The Cornjerker is copyrighted and decisions about its use are left up to the Sports Boosters.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the transfer of Mike Caparula from high school math to high school dean of students and Jan Morgan from high school English to district librarian/diversified occupations coordinator.
 - Hired Amanda Hoekstra, high school math; Brent Lockhart, middle/high school choral and show choir director; Lindsay Ragle, high school English; Kevin Root, high school boys track coach; and Chuck Grant and Larry Wallace, custodians.
 - Accepted resignations from sixth grade teacher Susan
- See BOARD on other side

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Police News



A **Hoopeston** woman reported Wednesday that her son's blue Diamondback bicycle was missing from her home in the 700 block of East Main.

Dennis L. Hagerty, 24, of Nampa, Idaho, was arrested at 10 p.m. Wednesday at Parkview Court. Wanted on two Vermilion County warrants, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$1,300 cash bond.

Board continued from other side

Brown, effective at the end of this school year; Donny Neal, custodian, effective August 31; Jamie Pruitt, high school softball coach, effective at the end of the season; and Raine Wilson, high school varsity volleyball and varsity girls basketball coach.

- Accepted the two-year intent-to-retire letter from Gloria Jahn, effective at the end of the 2010 year.

- Reinstated Jena Schaumburg, non-tenured teacher. Schaumburg had been dismissed as part of the reduction in force cost savings but was reinstated due to another

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:31 p.m. Thursday in the 600 block of East Orange. Police said Gary Welker, of Rossville, was eastbound in a 1995 Toyota truck when he was struck in the rear bumper by a 2000 Pontiac driven by Aaron Goble, of Hoopeston.

Tabitha A. Mitkus, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Court.

teacher retiring.

- Approved a \$17,388 bid from Better Paving for parking lot paving work throughout the district.

- Approved membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards, with dues of \$3,413.

- Heard from Superintendent Hank Hornbeck that the state is now \$629,000 in arrears to Hoopeston Area and that the Vermilion Vocational Education Delivery System, "is just about broke" because of the state's non-payment.

Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for domestic battery, she was released on \$300 bond.

Two people were arrested at 6 p.m. Friday in connection with a May 18 report from a 25-year-old Hoopeston woman that a Nintendo DS system had been stolen from her home.

Larry J. Watkins, 21, and Heather M. Keefer, 24, both of Hoopeston, were each charged with theft. Keefer was released on \$100 bond while Watkins

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, apple sauce, cookie

TUESDAY: BBQ rib/bun, fries, mandarin oranges;

Maple: sausage pizza, salad, mandarin oranges, cookie

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, peaches, juice

THURSDAY: Pizza Hut cheese pizza, salad, pineapple; Maple: BBQ rib/bun, fries, pineapple

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY-FRIDAY: Cook's choice

All meals include milk.

Obituaries

METZ - Richard A. Metz, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, 323 E. Seminary Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Scattered thunderstorms today. High 89. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 66. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High 87, low 64.

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was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:16 p.m. Saturday at Penn and Third.

Police said Danielle P. Mense, of Iroquois, was southbound at the intersection in a 1998 Ford when she failed to yield and struck a 2007 Dodge driven by Vickie E. Means, of Hoopeston.

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