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Letters to the Editor

Concerns regarding Cornjerker Nation

As a former resident and alumnus of Hoopeston Area, I take pride being known as a Cornjerker. I love the reaction I get when I travel out of state and someone catches a glimpse of my Cornjerker sunglasses and say "What is a Cornjerker?" I always respond with something to the extent of "that's my high school mascot", "Thad Matta, Ohio States Men's Basketball Coach is a Cornjerker", or "ESPN had them ranked as the third most unique mascot at one point in time". It's a symbol that puts Hoopeston on the map. It's something that anyone from Hoopeston should be proud of, and it deserves our protection. With that said, I have a few concerns in regards to the dispute between Cornjerker Nation and the Sports Boosters on the usage of the Cornjerker.

It's my understanding that Cornjerkernation.com is a site created for alumni to get together. The website in its current state is a simple and generic website giving me little information on its purpose or how to "Be A Part Of IT!!" The link at the bottom of the page that is supposed to point visitors to the Sports Boosters' Cornjerkers.com page is broken. Simply looking at the properties of the link, one can find that the link points to <http://http://www.cornjerker.com>. The second **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** causes the broken link. Any web administrator knows to double check all links to confirm they are working correctly. So I can only assume one of two things: 1) this was an oversight by the administrator, which only shows the attention to detail and the quality of work we can expect from the administrator or 2) it was done intentionally so the administrator can say he has a link to the Sports Boosters' page, but at the same time not have functional because of the ongoing dispute between the two parties. Either way, I would be concerned with Cornjerker Nation's intended use of the Cornjerker.

Apparently a survey from Cornjerker Nation was sent to alumni. I say apparently because I never received a survey and I graduated 11 years ago. I also know several "younger" alumni that did not receive the survey. I feel that the survey, and possibly Cornjerker Nation, is primarily focused on "older" alumni. If Cornjerker Nation is for all Cornjerker alumni, then what about the "younger" alumni that didn't receive the survey?

At a recent meeting between Cornjerker Nation, Sports Boosters, and school board members, I understand that a second webpage was shown by the creator of Cornjerker Nation showing the Cornjerker with devil horns. This is why the Sports Boosters hold a trade/service mark on the Cornjerker. This is why the Sports Boosters are concerned with any outside use of the Cornjerker. In my eyes, this is why Sports Boosters has a legitimate concern with Cornjerker Nation's use of the Cornjerker. Does defacing our mascot really provide community-building and school support like the motto "Be A Part Of IT!!" suggests? If this is what "Be A Part Of IT!!" is all about, I don't want to be a part of it.

The Sports Boosters have done a superior job in promoting the Cornjerker. They have been able to upgrade weight room equipment, sports equipment, uniforms, etc. because of the profits from Cornjerker merchandise sales. Most schools wouldn't have this opportunities that the Sports Boosters are able to provide. They hold the Cornjerker to a higher standard, as they should, and the Sports Boosters deserve the right to continue to do so.

I would like to close my letter by saying that I feel if there had been an open line of communication between both parties, this dispute could have been completely avoided. I feel the Cornjerker must be protected, otherwise anyone can create and profit from merchandise

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11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday

Serving frog legs 1st Friday of each month

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Drawing 1 p.m.
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Hoopeston American Legion

502 E. Penn

Texas Hold 'Em

Sunday, August 8 Starts at 1 p.m.

\$50 buy-in

Free snacks! Ladies welcome!

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters

7th anual

Golf Outing

Saturday, July 31

Hubbard Trail Country Club

Tee times: 8 a.m & 1 p.m.

Forms available on the school district
website, www.hoopeston.k12-il.us

Letters continued from other side

depicting our Cornjerker in a distasteful light. I am sure that whoever created the Cornjerker, whether Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Ellis, or anyone else, would not appreciate it being promoted this way. I know I don't.

Matt Lacy
St. Joseph
Proud Cornjerker
Class of 1999

Against racial profiling, not immigration laws

Respect for the individual and freedom of speech is what you have afforded me. Still nowhere have I stated that I am against immigration laws. The proposed law that I am against is not for immigration but for racial profiling.

The governor of Arizona is trying to pass a law that is against the Constitution of the U.S. The federal government is suing Arizona. Other states have boycotted events held in Arizona because of this issue. There are voices of Americans, or rather, U.S. citizens, that can see the undertones of racial profiling.

We want immigration laws. That is why we have a Congress to make these laws as fair as possible. You must understand how tough it is to pass a law in Congress with so many different opinions. That is why each

Briefly

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to clean up trash in Hoopeston . Similar to the former Trash Walkers, the new group is being overseen by Brenda Crusinberry. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. Saturdays and again at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, weather permitting. Saturday, volunteers will meet at Honeywell School parking lot.

Obituaries

McCORD - Eileen Virginia (Smock) McCord, 89, of Hoopeston, formerly of East Lynn, died at 5:12 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Country Terrace Senior Living Apartments, 705 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

person should listen and think for himself instead of being influenced by lobbyist payoffs in Congress sessions, just like our previous governor and the one before him, who is now serving time in jail. No, I don't believe governors have a right to make laws bucking the Constitution of the U.S.

What I feel is that we should close up the borders. You will still have some leakage, just like the oil spill in the Gulf, but then you wouldn't have as much to contain. As it is, we are like a magnet to the immigrants because we give them jobs, welfare, housing, healthcare and most do not pay taxes. Their money is sent back home to support their families. So yes, I do want a fair immigration law. A free ride back to Mexico is not helping. Immigrants

Police News



Charges are pending against two 15-year-old boys in connection with the theft of a firearm reported Tuesday from the 400 block of East Penn. The gun, reported missing by a 64-year-old Hoopeston man, was recovered.

A 24-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 1:11 p.m. Wednesday that someone took his bicycle from the 100 block of East Lincoln.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Wednesday. An unknown vehicle hit a 2010 Toyota SUV at an unknown time and place.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:08 a.m. Wednesday to the Vermilion Iron complex, 226 N. Sixth Ave., after a witness reported an explosion and heavy smoke coming from a building. A small fire was extinguished in one of the buildings. No injuries were reported.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 94. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 72. Saturday, chance of thunderstorms. High 90, low 68. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 85, low 63.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

just hop off the bus and try again. Plug the hole is what I have to say. That means close up the borders.

I have done research on the internet about the population of illegal immigrants now residing in this country. The list goes on but I stopped at Arizona:

California	2,209,000
Texas	1,041,000
New York	489,000
Illinois	432,000
Florida	337,000
Arizona	283,000

Yes, I am aware of the wars in Mexico. Those wars are about drugs and weapons. My concerns are that the law proposed in Arizona will spread to other states and could lead to another civil war.

Wally Johnston
Hoopeston

Classifieds

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Upstairs apartment. Utilities furnished. Call (217) 283-7028

HELP WANTED

Fast Lanes is accepting applications for waitresses. Must be able to work days when needed and occasional nights. Those interested, see Rachael or Doug. No phone calls!

RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 801 E. Main. Fri. & Sat., 7-1. Pool table, laptop computer, electric scooter, electric keyboard, manual treadmill, PS2 games, movies, VCRs, bedding, junior/ misses/men's clothes, lots more.

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