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Cornjerkers get green light for Liberty Bowl appearance

2011 will be a year of fundraising by the Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers as they prepare for their December appearance at the Liberty Bowl.

The Hoopeston Area School Board on Thursday gave unanimous approval for the band to make the trip to Memphis.

Band director Wendy Ronna has come up with fundraising ideas, which may include a 5k run, play-athon, and possibly pumping gas for tips, said high school Principal Larry Maynard. Also, letters will be sent to area businesses and residents asking for contributions for the band's appearance.

The band needs to raise about \$30,000 - or \$500 per student - for the trip.

In unrelated business, the board reviewed a new Tri-Party Agreement, which governs responsibilities of Hoopeston Area, Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning districts for Rossville's high school students, who have attended school in the other districts since Rossville deactivated its high school in 2006.

Because Rossville-Alvin is considering reactivating its high school, the new agreement is for one year, rather than the two-year term of previous agreements.

Additionally, the new agreement calls for Rossville-Alvin to pay 100 percent of the average of Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning tuition rates. For the past two years, Rossville has paid 95 percent of the average tuition.

What the new tuition rate will be will not be known until fall, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

If none of the districts file written notice of intent not to renew by January 1, 2012, the one-year agreement will be extended for a second year.

Rossville-Alvin's board approved the contract at its January meeting, Hornbeck said. Hoopeston Area

and Bismarck-Henning boards will vote on it at their respective February meetings.

Currently, Rossville-Alvin pays tuition for 120 students. Of those, 54 attend Hoopeston Area.

Along with mulling over the agreement, the board is considering a request from Robin Lawson of Mr. B's Café, who asked permission to name a burger after the school mascot, the Cornjerker.

Lawson told the board the idea came to her after members of the basketball team were in the restaurant. She said she would like to name the burger "in honor of the students" and will get student input on what should be on the burger so that it will be "something that the kids will eat."

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters approved the idea prior to Thursday night, Lawson said, adding if the board declines her request, she will not be upset. "I can name it something else," she said. "I don't want any trouble."

In other business, the board:

- Approved resignations of Brianne Dilbeck, fifth grade teacher, effective January 21.
- Approved retirements of Theresa Meyer, John Greer Title 1, effective at the end of the school year, and Betty Richards, superintendent secretary, effective September 30.
- Approved Hornbeck as secondary Freedom of Information Act officer. Rosellen Cornelius is the primary officer.
- Hornbeck also said the district is looking to purchase iPads or netbooks for board members as a means of keeping communication between the district and board FOIA compliant.
- Approved the 105-member seniority list.
- Approved the board/administration retreat for February 5.

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:10 a.m. Thursday. Police said Kimberly J. Long-fellow, in a 2006 Chevrolet, and Andre T. Colunga, in a 2003 Mercedes, collided at Fifth Avenue and West Lincoln. A city street sign was also damaged in the accident.

Thomas E. Carpenter, 80, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for driving while license suspended and improper backing after an accident at 2:25 p.m. Thursday.

Court Dispositions



December 2

Cletus Garner, Lebanon, Ind., new status hearing January 6.

Robert Clayburn, Hoopeston, new status hearing January 6.

Zachary Garman, Hoopeston, new status hearing January 6.

Heather Keefer, Hoopeston, new status hearing February 3.

James R. Shoulders, Hoopeston, new status hearing January 6.

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Police said Carpenter, in a 1996 Ford Carryall, backed into a parked 1999 Oldsmobile owned by Michelle Kasallis, also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

Brian R. Huffman, 17, of Rossville, was ticketed

for failure to report an accident to police and operating an uninsured vehicle after an accident at 4 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of South Market.

Police said Huffman, in a 2001 Ford truck, hit a utility pole, then left the scene. He was later located

New Books at the Library



Fiction

Of Love and Evil: the Songs of the Seraphim by Anne Rice

Happy Ever After (The Bride Quartet: Book 4) by Nora Roberts (Large Print)

The True Memoirs of Little K by Adrienne Sharp

Murder in the Abstract by Susan Shea (Large Print/Mystery)

Rescue by Anita Shreve

A Good Horse by Jane Smiley (Youth)

Outwitting Trolls by William G. Tappl (Mystery)

Hollywood Hills by Joseph Wambaugh

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department and ambulance personnel were called at 10:30 a.m. Saturday for a furnace malfunction and smoke at 801 W. Main.

A Soft Place to Land by Susan Rebecca White

Non-Fiction

What Good is God?: in Search of a Faith That Matters by Philip Yancey

Things I wish I'd Known Before We Got Married by Gary D. Chapman

Eat & Beat Diabetes with Picture Perfect Weight Loss: the Visual Program to Prevent and Control Diabetes by Howard M. Shapiro and Franklin Becker

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, cookie

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Burrito, salad, max stick pineapple

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, fries, pineapple

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, chips, mixed fruit, grape juice

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or ham & cheese, corn, applesauce, cake

TUESDAY: Chicken salad wrap or BBQ rib, California blend/cheese, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Fettuccini Alfredo or cheeseburger, salad, max stix, pears

THURSDAY: Pork roast or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, hot roll

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit.

All meals include milk.

Weather



Chance of snow today. High 30. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 19. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 29, low 15.

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Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District #11 Board of Education is seeking estimates from building contractors for renovation of an existing classroom into office space. If interested, please contact Mark Eighner, Director of Building and Grounds, at (217) 283-6663. Deadline is February 4, 2011.

The City of Hoopeston is taking applications for an animal control/janitorial position. This is a part time position. Applications may be picked up at Hoopeston City Hall Police Department or Water/General Administration. Applications must be returned by 4 p.m. on February 4, 2011.

Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District #11 is seeking applications for a part time bus aide 2.5 hours per day. Please apply online at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us, click on Vacancies/Application. Deadline is February 4, 2011.

Ophthalmic technician. Works with optometrist as the patient flows through the clinic. Energetic, high degree of professionalism, commitment are musts. Full time. Send resumes to Chittick Family Eye Care, 851 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942.

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