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Betty Richards dances with Jerky Friday as the Marching Cornjerkers play the Hoopeston Area school song. Friday was Richards' last day as Superintendent Hank Hornbeck's secretary. Rosellen Cornelius, in the background, takes photographs of the occasion.

Tears, smiles, band serenade mark Richards' last day

You've got to be pretty special to get a personal serenade from the Marching Cornjerker band.

Betty Richards is pretty special.

The band serenade was just one of the acts of thanks presented to Richards Friday, her last day as secretary to the superintendent at Hoopeston Area schools.

Employed by the district for the past 27 years, Richards has seen teachers and students come and go, developing deep friendships with many. Her door always open, she was never too busy to stop what she was doing to chat for a bit or help with a problem.

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Hoopeston Cornjerkers drenched by Salt Fork Storm, 53-0

An improved Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers were expected to hold their own in Friday's matchup against the undefeated Salt Fork Storm, but the visiting Storm scored 53 points while holding the Cornjerkers score-

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:40 a.m. Thursday at WHPO Plaza, 912 S. Dixie Highway.

Police said Carol A. Flint, of Hoopeston, in a 2010 Toyota, struck the front porch area of the building.

Obituaries

POLSON - Elizabeth (Bailey) Polson, 92, of Hoopes-ton, died at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, at Hoop-eston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside service was at 1 p.m. Sunday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There was no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

Serenade continued from other side

Those kindnesses were given appreciation all day Friday as representatives from each school brought cards, flowers and gifts to Richards' office. One wall of her office was dedicated to staff thank you cards, while a large manila envelope was full almost to bursting with cards just from Maple School.

At 11 a.m., it was the high school's turn. On time and key, the band marched to Richards' office, playing the school song. Richards came from her office to dance with Jerky while the band played, then received hugs and gifts from coworkers and students.

Rosellen Cornelius has been named Richards' replacement.

Weather



Sunny today. High 71. Tonight, clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, sunny. High 74, low 47.

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less.

Salt Fork recovered a Hoopeston Area fumble on the opening kickoff, then fumbled back to Hoopeston. That was the only mistake the Storm made.

HA quarterback Terrence Poke had three fumbles on the night and was 7-19 rushing and 3 of 7 for 5 yards passing.

Robbie Irvin was 12-17 in rushing; Coty Coon 8-16; Connor Cline 2-13 and Bryce Leigh 2- -8.

Leigh was 2 of 3 in passing, for 25 yards, while Cline and Irvin were both 0-1.

Irvin had three receptions with a net of -1 while Zachary Drollinger was 1 for 6 and Robert Baum 2 for 25.

Drollinger led tackles with 10, followed by Poke and Matthew Watson with 9; Irvin and Nick Papanek, 5; Cline 4; Cody Inman4, along with a fumble recovery; Aiden Berg and Baum 2; and Coon, Colin Carswell and Jacob Galloway 1.

Now at 3-3, the Cornjerkers must win two of their final three games to be eligible for the playoffs. The team faces Bismarck-Henning away, Friday, are home against Westville, then away again, to face Milford/Cissna Park.

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