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Prairie Central blitzes Jerker conference hopes

What looked like a straight pass turned into a quarterback sneak for Hoopeston Area sports teams.

Prairie Central, voted Monday night to stay in the Cornbelt Conference, said Jim Matta, Hoopeston Area athletic director.

"We're right back where we started," Matta said Tuesday morning. "Right now, we're nowhere."

Matta said Prairie Central voted the proposal down because officials there believe the district will consolidate in the future, giving Prairie Central more than 800 students. "They felt Sangamon would ask them to leave then," Matta said. "They're probably right."

Hoopeston Area had been invited to join the Sangamon Valley conference, but the invitation hinged on whether Prairie Central would also join, Matta said.

The proposal involved 11 other schools: Prairie Central, Paxton, Clifton, Watseka, LeRoy, Gibson City, Iroquois West, Blue Ridge, Milford, Rossville-Alvin and Fisher. Schools were to be divided into large and small categories, each with six schools.

The plan would have allowed the conference to meet Illinois High School Association rules mandating five conference games per football season, Matta said.

Hoopeston Area officials also met with representatives of the Illini Central Conference, but that group did not issue an invitation to join.

Hoopeston Area has been independent since the Wauseca conference disbanded in the 1980s.

Man roped for Milford Fun Days rodeo deception

A rural Milford man is being held in the Iroquois County jail on charges that he fraudulently sold tickets for a Milford Fun Days rodeo.

Stewart E. Williford, 42, of route 3, Milford, allegedly advertised that country music artists Clay Walker and Jeff Carson would appear at the rodeo, scheduled June 16-17.

"Although Williford may have started off with good intentions, once he realized that he could not pull this event off, he continued to sell tickets," said Iroquois County sheriff Joe Mathy. "We do not know at this time how many tickets have been sold or how much money is still available."

Those selling tickets are being asked to stop immediately and contact the sheriff's department.

Mathy estimated Williford needed approximately \$80,000 to hold the rodeo by paying the performers, rodeo participants and stock contractors.

Mathy alleges Williford formed the Sugar Creek Rodeo Association, then convinced Fun Days officials to schedule the two performances.

Williford "made contact with Walker and Carson," Mathy said, but did not sign them to perform.

Williford was expected to be arraigned late Tuesday.

The Iroquois County Sheriff's Department and Milford police are continuing the investigation.

Fun Days officials could not be reached for comment at press time.

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Briefly

School open

The Maple School addition will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 25 for the public to walk through. A formal open house will be held in the fall.

Memorial Day services

Memorial Day services will begin at 10:30 a.m. May 29 at the Floral Hill Chapel.

Teacher assignments

Hoopeston Area teacher request forms (grades K-6) are available in each of the elementary schools. Forms must be picked up between May 15-26. Parents or guardians must pick up forms.

Pancakes & sausage

Students from the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, participating in the Appalachian Service Project, will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7-11 a.m. June 3 at the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Court dispositions



May 4 - Gregory Bird, Hoopeston, speeding, \$95.

Robert Bruens, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded not guilty, bench trial June 15.

Teresa Cox, Wellington, speeding, \$75.

William Hudson, Hoopeston, speeding, \$75.

Matt Limbach, Watseka, speeding, pleaded guilty, \$75.

Alan Milton, Hoopeston, speeding, \$75.

Joshua Simonton, Hoopeston, speeding, \$95.

Travis Lackey, Hoopeston, speeding, \$95.

Dennis Herbst, Danville, to pay total \$366, writ issued Feb. 2.

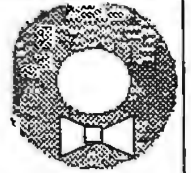
Charlene Hofer, Hoopeston, to pay restitution, rule to show cause to be issued.

Zenon Kucharczyk, Rankin, writ hearing, \$75 fine and costs and \$81.39 restitution and 30 percent of bond, in Public Safety Building.

Pamela Burton, Boswell, Ind., deceptive practices, summons to be issued.

Memorial Day

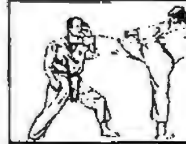
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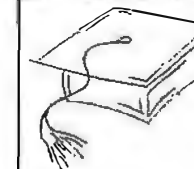


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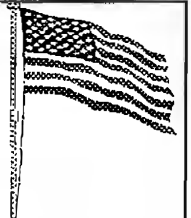
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May 19, 1995

Admitted: W.A. Read, Hoopeston

Discharged: none.

May 20, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

May 21, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Megan Cannon, Rossville.

May 22, 1995

Admitted: Patty Carter, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Police News



Two men were charged with disorderly conduct after a disturbance Monday night at the Village Apartments, 824 E. Wyman.

Mark S. Glenn, 38, of 715 S. Fifth, Apt. 4, and Milton S. Mattison, 824 E. Wyman, Apt. B6, were arrested on a complaint from Dorothy England, Apt. B4.

Beverly Vaughn, 514 E. Main, reported Tuesday that someone stole her 1984 Ford Tempo. The vehicle was found in the Danville area.

Weather



Seventy percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today. High in the low 70s, low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, continued rainy. High near 75. low near 64.