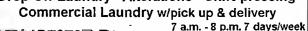
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## Local businessmen dump suits for costumes as dance deejays

By day, Rod Burkett and Russ Leigh are mild-mannered executives, but on the night of Oct. 28, they'll turn into wildmen of sound.

Burkett, administrator at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, and Leigh, owner of Russell Leigh & Associates accounting firm will be the celebrity deejays for Saturday night's Pumpkin Family Reunion Dance at the Hoopeston VFW.

"Sarah (Miller) kinda asked us...shortly after WHPO's Disc Jockey Day show," Burkett said.

Miller, coordinator of this year's Reunion, said she heard Burkett and Leigh on the air. "They sounded like they were having fun," she said. "I thought they'd be good."

The men do have a good time on radio, Burkett said. "We just try to have fun with it," he said. "We try to make it mean as much to local people as possible and not take ourselves too scriously."

The pair will use professional equipment from "Music in Motion" of Champaign, owned by radio stations WLRW and WIXY. "It's not like we're bringing a boom box and taking calls," Burkett

said.

Burkett is unsure what the duo will do besides play music. "Sometimes we do some of our best stuff winging it," he said. "Russ said we should get our costumes coordinated, so I guess I'll get one of those. My plan is not so much 'we're going to be the show,' but rather we'll act as a catalyst for people who are there in costume. Hopefully, a lot of people will come in costume. That's what makes it fun."

While neither Burkett nor Leigh has much experience spinning platters, they're getting help from someone who does - Burkett's wife, Becky, a professional radio deejay.

It was Becky who arranged for the equipment, and she will also be helping at the dance. "Somehow, I think her name got sorta lost in the shuffle," Burkett said.

While Burkett is looking forward to the new experience, he's not planning a career change. "I don't think it pays as well, so I better keep my day job," he said.

# Library friends seek donations, helpers for book sale

The Friends of the Library will have a book sale at the Christian Church Fellowship Hall, just south of the library on Fourth St.

The sale is planned in conjunction with the Pumpkin Family Reunion.

A preview sale for Friends of the Library will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday. Friends members will be on hand to sign up new members who wish to attend the preview sale.

The sale will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Church

women will sell food to nibble on while browsing. Books, videos, CDs, audio cassettes and recent magazines may be donated to the sale by taking them to the library meeting room by Thursday.

Anyone interested in helping with the sale should call 283-6711. Help is needed transporting books to the church.

A limited-edition, pewter commemorative Christmas ornament of the library will also be available during the book sale.

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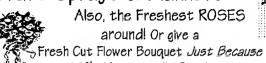
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#### Halloween party

The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor a Halloween party for 2-8 year olds. from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Kankakee Federal community room. The party will feature a costume contest, games and candy. Admission is \$2 per person.

#### Hunting class

The Vermilion County sheriff's department and Department of Conservation is sponsoring a hunter safety course from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 28-29 at the American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

The course is open to hunters of all ages and required before those under 16 can get a hunting license

For more information on the course, call Deputy Cottrell or Deputy Deck at (217) 442-4080

#### Trick or treat hours

Local cities and villages have set trick-or-treat hours for little ghosts and goblins.

In Hoopeston and Milford, hours will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, while in Wellington, hours are 5-7 and in Rossville, 6-9.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to go only to homes with porch lights on and to dress safely. Face paint is recommended instead of masks and costumes should be well-fitting. Children are also urged to carry flashlights and travel with older children or adults.

#### United Way collections

Representatives of Grant Township United Way will have a street corner collection Friday and Saturday at Main and Market, Penn and Market and Routes 1 and 9.

# Marching Cornjerkers finish season at U of I contest

A fourth place finish ended the Marching Cornjerkers band competition last weekend.

The band, directed by Mark and Marty Lindvahl, finished fourth in their class at Saturday's University of Illinois Marching Band Contest.

#### **Police News**



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:57 p.m. Monday.

Michael W. Mason, 562 S. Maple St., Monticello, IN., was backing a 1992 International semi from the loading dock at Silgan Containers when he struck a parked 1977 Kenworth semi owned by Schneider National Carriers Inc., 4800 S. Central Ave., Chicago.

A bag containing numerous items was found Monday in the 700 block of East Main St. The owner may identy and claim it at the police station.

**Joyce Dukes of** Weber's Drug Store, 221 E. Main, reported Tuesday that someone kicked in the front of a pop machine outside the store.

First place went to Mahomet-Seymour. Newton and Mater Dei also finished ahead of the local group.

Auxiliary, with Lisa Gay and Elena Martinex as co-captains, placed third in the competition and drum majors Bryan Langdoc, Jacqulyn Miller and Gina Bibb took first place in their category.

The group, along with the middle school and high school bands and choruses, will perform at the Fall Concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

#### In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Oct. 23, 1995

Admitted: Robert Llanos, Hoopeston. Discharged: none.

#### Weather



Sunny and warmer today. High in the low 60s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low 40s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 63, low near 41.



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