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Orange St. may reflect school spirit in proposed name change

Residents along Orange St. may soon have a change of address.

City officials are considering renaming the street Cornjerker Drive after the Hoopeston Area team mascot.

The change, suggested by a local resident, would not be difficult, said Mayor Bob Ault, who, at Tuesday's city council meeting asked aldermen to consider it. "I think it would have a lot of merit," he said.

The change would cause few problems for the 911 addressing system, he said, adding the Illinois Department of Transportation has no problem with the change.

Aldermen will decide the request at a future meeting.

In other business, city officials must take a long look at the municipal pool, said alderman Mike Eckersley,

city parks committee chairman.

The pool currently has problem with a shut-off valve and has cracks and a piece chipped from a corner. The valve will be fixed after the swimming season but "we need to start thinking about what we want to do out there," Eckersley said.

The city has approximately \$80,000 in a fund for a new pool and will have about double that by next May, Eckersley said. A new pool will cost nearly \$500,000.

When the existing pool was constructed, "it was state-of-the-art but it's not state-of-the-art anymore," Eckersley said. "Chlorine takes its toll on the pipes."

Finally, the council approved a \$13,650 bid from Deb Construction, Hoopeston for sidewalk repairs.

Those in storm shelters: come out, come out wherever you are

A funnel cloud spotted east of Hoopeston early Monday evening sent many residents to their basements for shelter.

They can come out now.

The funnel cloud, which was a cold air funnel, resulted in the tornado siren sounding, although the all-clear signal did not ring.

And it won't, according to the local Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) coordinator. "Nobody in Illinois sounds an all-clear anymore," said Hoopeston ESDA director Earl Drollinger.

Sounding the all-clear was discontinued when a community in the state sounded a second siren for a second tornado. People hearing the second siren thought it was the all-clear signal and put themselves in danger. "We don't want to confuse people in case we have to sound it for another tornado," Drollinger said. "Last night was the first time we've done that."

To learn if it is safe to leave a sheltered area, Drollinger suggested residents take battery-powered radios to their shelters. Or, "I think people ought to stick their heads out every once in a while to see what the sky

See STORM on other side

Cold air funnel could cause damage

A cold air funnel spotted east of Hoopeston last night could have caused damage if it touched down, said ESDA coordinator Earl Drollinger.

"They claim that they'll do a little damage if they touch the ground," he said, adding the funnels touch down for two to five minutes and cause damage similar to a weak tornado.

Yesterday's weather conditions were right for the funnels. "I've seen about five of them yesterday," Drollinger said.

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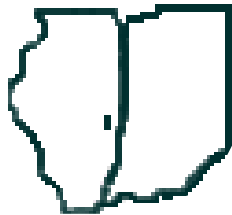
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State improves Medicaid payments

Editor:

It was expected to be a quiet session, but the Illinois General Assembly took several notable actions before it adjourned on May 23. One of the most positive was that it heard and responded to the plea of our state's hospital community for much-needed Medicaid outpatient payment relief. The fiscal year 1999 budget passed by the legislature earmarks about \$65 million to begin a restructuring of outpa-

Storm continued from other side

looks like," he said.

To cut down further confusion, Drollinger said he hopes to have the siren rung only for storms, eliminating its sounding for fire calls in the city. "If we can stop that, that'll eliminate people thinking 'is that a fire or what,'" he said, adding such confusion was evident Sunday

Police News



Lee A. Marts, 22, of 203 N. 12th, Charleston, turned himself in to police at 4:05 p.m. Monday.

Marts, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Tisha A. Lawson of Casey's General Store, 204 W. Penn, reported Monday that someone drove off without paying for \$5 worth of gas.

Peter Kunce, 512 W. Maple, reported Tuesday that someone threw a brick through a window at his home.

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Letter to the Editor

tient payments so that hospitals can give more care in the cost-effective outpatient setting.

The budget increase addressed a very real problem. Medicaid currently pays hospitals only about 40 percent of what it costs them to provide outpatient care. It is simply not possible to provide good, efficient care at those rates.

Restructuring outpatient rates sends the right message: Illinois wants its Medicaid patients to be treated in the most cost-effective setting, just as com-

when the Hoopeston Fire Department was called during stormy conditions.

Reducing the times the siren is sounded will also save wear and tear on the system. "The siren's getting to the place where it should be replaced but there's no money," said Drollinger, who was instrumental in getting the existing siren.

The estimated cost for a new siren is \$22,000 to \$23,000. A new siren would have several different tones, a public address system, battery back-up and would be heard throughout a larger part of the city.

Grants are available but only for municipalities which have been damaged by a tornado. "I don't want that to happen," Drollinger said. "With my luck, it would hit my house."

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 12, 1998

Admitted: Pansy Poland, Rossville

Discharged: none.

Weather



Partly sunny, warm today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 67. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers, thunderstorms. High 89, low 68.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at **(217) 283-6221**.

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I congratulate Governor Edgar and the General Assembly for recognizing and responding to our concerns. Patients, communities and taxpayers will be the winners. Sen. Judy Myers and Rep. Bill Black deserve our thanks for supporting the budget increase.

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