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### Getting Curve-aceous

Becky Buss of WHPO tests a machine at the new Curves salon as manager Sue Crawford looks on. Curves opened Monday and offers 30-minute workout sessions for women. Hours are from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8-11 a.m. Saturday. For information, call (217) 283-4840.

### Briefly

#### Golf meeting

Hoopeston Area High School boys and girls golf teams will meet at 10 a.m. Friday in the driver's ed room.

#### Bowling meeting

Friday Mixed Bowling League will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at Pla-Mor Lanes. Anyone interested should attend or call Loni Garman, 283-7080.

Fall leagues are now forming. Anyone interested in bowling may call Pla-Mor Lanes, 283-5195.

#### Multi Agency trip

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has planned a trip Sept. 14 to the Country Theatre Workshop to see "The Cemetery Club." Total cost is \$13 per person. Reservations must be made by Aug. 26. For more information, call the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544.

#### Road work

CIPS will move light poles and trim trees on South Market which may result in detours and traffic congestion. Residents are asked to use another route.

#### Sports physicals

Make-up sports physicals will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital walk-in clinic. Cost is \$10 per person.

#### School vaccinations

School children who need shots may go to the Vermilion County Health Department's weekly Immunization Clinic. For appointments, call (217) 431-2662.

#### International speaker set

Zola Levitt, international speaker and television personality, will be at the Rock Church, 20 Poland Rd., Danville. He will speak on Bible prophecies and modern times at 7 p.m. Aug. 27. For information, call (217) 443-6219.

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Keep the Cornjerker name

On a visit to my parents' house recently, I was amazed to hear that the Rossville-Alvin School system may need to consolidate with the Hoopeston-East Lynn schools to continue providing quality educations to all students. I am not amazed that, during dwindling budgets and reduced enrollments, the schools may be combining. What I am amazed at is the apparent outcry of the Rossville area students/residents who do not want the "Cornjerker" to be the mascot for the soon-to-be-combined school system.

I am a 1971 graduate of the fine Hoopeston school system. I proudly wore the Cornjerker name on my uniforms during many different sporting events. Similarly, every high school in America has students, athletes, band members, teachers, and alumni who proudly wear their school's mascot and colors during their various school events.

In the 30+ years since my graduation from Hoopeston High School, I have traveled statewide on military business throughout Illinois. I can honestly say, that wherever you go in our state, you meet people who have heard of or

remember seeing, the Hoopeston Cornjerkers somewhere, at some time. It is not because Hoopeston sports teams are powerhouses or dynasties. They are just like all other schools; they have some good and some bad seasons. No, it is because of the uniqueness of the "Cornjerker" name. I have traveled through most states and several foreign countries, and I can tell you that the "Cornjerker" name is definitely one-of-a-kind.

No one can, or will, ever doubt the prowess on the sports field of teams named after courageous birds such as: Ravens, Hawks, Eagles, Cardinals, Falcons, or Blue Jays. And you cannot forget the great teams named for strong, wild animals like: Tigers, Bears, Wildcats, Bobcats, Panthers, Warthogs, and many others. And too, the Pirates, Spartans, Trojans, Red and Blue Devils, and many, many more. All are glory-filled school team names and deserve their hometown pride, respect, and

support.

But, there is still only one "Cornjerkers" team and that is represented by the Hoopeston High School system. Each year, a new crop of students come from Hoopeston and several smaller, nearby towns to become proud "Cornjerkers" and continue the historic school name and mascot traditions.

This team name is based in middle-class and local farmer history, is non-offensive, non-derogatory, and is politically correct and forthright without being wishy-washy.

The Hoopeston school system, like America itself on a larger scale, is now a melting pot of students and teachers from many towns, backgrounds, and histories who merge together for the educational good and advancement of the whole group.

I sincerely hope the Rossville schools will blend into

the Hoopeston school system smoothly and settle any minor concerns early. I'm sure the talented Rossville area students and teachers will help enhance the quality of Hoopeston's consolidated academic, sports, and music programs.

As a side note, what teenager growing up in towns such as Hoopeston, Rossville, East Lynn, Rankin, and many others can honestly say they have never gone to sweet corn fields in the country and "jerked" a few ears of corn for friends and family to enjoy during an August meal? That, too, is a rural, Midwest tradition!

Good Luck with the future merger. I strongly support the continuation of Hoopeston's unique "Cornjerker" legacy and hope Rossville will help shape the future of the Hoopeston school system.

Ken Kelnhofer  
Girard, IL

Class of 1971, Retired Military Officer

Police News

**Two 14-year-old** boys were arrested at 1:27 a.m. Monday at Unger's Jewelry, 314 E. Main.

The boys were arrested after they allegedly broke into the building, then left the scene. The two were found about two hours later and were taken into custody in connection with the burglary.

Both were released to their parents. Juvenile petitions will be filed on the boys.

**A 27 inch** boy's bicycle was reported taken from the 400 block of East Honeywell.

**A 65-year-old** man reported Monday that someone damaged his garage door in the 300 block of West Penn.

New Books at the Library

Fiction:

Dirty Work by Stuart Woods  
Onyx and Crake: a Novel by Margearet Eleanor Atwood  
Zandru's Forge by Marion Zimmer Bradley  
Air Battle Force by Dale Brown  
Riley in the Morning by Sandra Brown (large print)  
Longarm and the Lady Hustlers by Tabor Evans (western)  
The Sinister Pig by Tony Hillerman  
Rescue by William W. Johnstone (western)  
A Cold Heart by Jonathan Kellerman  
Moon Over Manhattan: a Mystery by Larry King  
The Face by Dean R. Koontz  
From the Listening Hill: a Novel by Larry McMurtry

The Protector by David Morrell  
The Pilgrim Song by Gilbert Morris (inspirational)  
The Spider Catcher by Gilbert Morris (inspirational)  
Patiently Alice by Phillis Reynolds Naylor  
Sunrise Song by Catherine Palmer (inspirational)  
The Blind Mirror by Christopher Pike  
Late for the Wedding by Amanda Quick  
And the Shofar Blew by Francine Rivers (inspirational)

Weather

Partly sunny today, chance of afternoon and evening showers. High 82, low 65. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 85, low 65.

For current weather conditions, call (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

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