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Hoopeston Area board OKs new look for marching band

The Marching Cornjerkers will have a new look when they take to the field next year.

At Thursday night's meeting, the Hoopeston Area School Board approved spending nearly $30,000 on new band uniforms.

The uniforms will be black and royal blue and will feature black and white gauntlets for the jacket sleeves, band director Joe Legg told the board.

A committee of students, community members and Legg chose the new polyester blend uniforms.

A plan to purchase 110 band uniforms and five drum major uniforms came at the start of this school year. "When we fitted kids in the fall, we were woefully short of sizes needed for kids today," Legg said.

Uniforms band members currently wear were purchased in 1994. New ones are guaranteed for eight years but Legg said he has been told students should get up to 12 years' use from them.

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will reimburse the district for half of the total $29,853.75 cost, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

In other discussion, a survey of parents given during parent-teacher conferences, shows the majority of parents believe the district is doing a good job of providing a safe atmosphere, communicating with families, offering a friendly environment and teaching their children.

The survey asked parents to rank various questions on a scale from 1 (strongly disagree) to four (strongly agree). For most questions, each school ranked from 3.5-4.

The only question receiving a low score was the statement "there is a problem with bullying at my child's school." Each building received an average of 2-3 on the question but officials believe the wording may have impacted the result.

Most questions are worded in a positive way ("My child is safe at school") while the bullying question is worded in a negative fashion. "We feel that probably affected the results of the survey," said John Greer principal Dan Walder.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Approved the 2005 tax levy of $3,092,000. Last year's levy, approximately the same, netted $2,842,282. The full amount the district will receive will not be known until spring when the equalizes assessed valuation (EAV) of the district is known, Conolly said.
- Learned 33 Rossville-Alvin eighth graders toured the high school last week. Since Rossville-Alvin deactivated its high school, students there must choose between Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning as their high school. Students have until Jan. 15 to make that decision.
- Approved hiring Ginger Newman as part time personal aide at Maple Michelle Jett as part time personal aide at the middle school.
- Named Donna Hiltz as middle school cheerleading sponsor and Dan Wozniak as assistant high school wrestling coach.
- Approved transferring Melissa Myers from part time to full time Maple personal aide.
- Accepted Donna Spear's resignation as cook.

Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters calendar drawing are: Dec. 19, Amy and Joe Rieches; Dec. 20, Claudia Carter; Dec. 21, Dwight Hoffman; Dec. 22, Cody Hinkle; Dec. 23, Haley's Electric.

Tiny Tots

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	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	21	12
2. Unger's	17	16
3. Knuth's	16.5	16.5
4. Carolyn's	16	17
5. Bell Painting	16	17
6. Tooth Fairies	12.5	20.5

High Team Handicap Game: Unger's 821, Pla-Mor 804, Carolyn's 792; **High Team Handicap Series:** Unger's 2382, Pla-Mor 2314, Carolyns 2301; **High Individual Scratch Game**: Sandy Mullen 261, Joan Leslie 227, Rosie Reed/Flo Lober 220; **High Individual Scratch Series**: Darlene Musk 528, Sandy Mullen 493, Kellie Johnson 468.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

11/21/05

	Won	Lost
1) R&R Body Shop	33	11
2) Olympic Hardware	33	11
3) Weber's	27.5	16.5
4) Kratt	24	20
5) Unger's Jewelry	22	22
6) Gillins Oil	21.5	22.5
7) Adda Girls	21	23
8) The Fubars	19	25
9) Ruby Nell's	13	31
10) Bye	6	38

High Team Handicap Game: Weber's 1047, Gillins Oil 1023, R&R Body Shop 1011; **High Team Handicap Series**: R&R Body Shop 3009, Gillins Oil 2884, Unger's Jewelry 2925; **High Individual Scratch Game**: Gandis Clayborn 235, Mona Birch 213, Glenda Reed 212. **High Individual Scratch Series**: Mona Birch 571, Glenda Reed 562, Linda Warner 525.

New Books at the Library

Non-Fiction

The College Board College Handbook 2006

Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About by Kevin Trudeau

If Your Adolescent Has Depression or Bipolar Disorder: an Essential Resource for Parents by Dwight L. Evans

Supermarket Super Products!: 2,568 Super Solutions, Terrific Tips & Remarkable Recipes for Great Health, a Happy Home, and a Beautiful Garden by Jerry Baker

Police News

A 30-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that a CB, laptop computer and CDs were missing from his freight tractor which was parked in the 100 block of South Market.

Fire Calls

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:40 a.m. Friday to the 300 block of North Sixth Ave. for a report of smoke in a home. The case was a space heater. No injuries were reported.

Weather

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