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Hoopeston Area board to visit district schools for meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board will be taking its meetings on the road.

At Thursday meeting, the board unanimously approved holding its October 18 meeting in the John Greer library. The Nov. 8 meeting will be held at Honeywell, followed on Dec. 20 by a meeting in the Maple School cafeteria. On January 17, 2008, the board returns to the high school library, but goes to the middle school conference room for its February 21, 2008 meeting.

The change will allow board members, guests and media to have a walk-through of each building at 7 p.m. before the 7:30 p.m. meetings.

In other business, the board heard from Kim Kuchinbrod, an independent workforce consultant with Vermilion Advantage. She talked about various career/school related programs offered by Vermilion Advantage, including Choices, a pilot program at Hoopeston Area Middle School. Choices helps students learn that choices have consequences and helps students evaluate situations and make better choices.

- Heard the district six-day enrollment is down 23 students, with 1,299 in Hoopeston Area. The figure does not reflect 40 CARE students and 42 Rossville students attending Hoopeston Area High School.

- Heard from high school Principal Larry Maynard that by switching to two lunch periods, 81 percent of students are now eating lunch, compared with 40 percent when a single period was offered. Maynard said the change is evident in improved student behavior.

- Approved an estimated \$3,030,000 tax levy, up 9.1 percent from last year. The levy will be reviewed at the October meeting and adopted at the November meeting.

- Approved hiring Melissa Bolin as middle school cheerleading sponsor; Jamie Pruitt as high school head softball coach and Stephen Wanderlich as high school Scholastic Bowl/WYSE coach.

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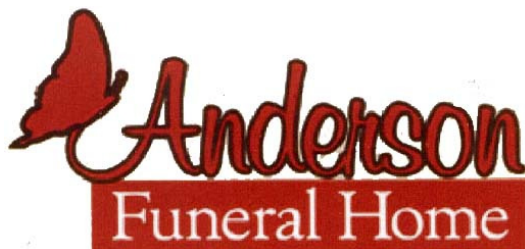
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Hoopeston Area High School announces 2007 Homecoming activities, members of court



Candidates for Hoopeston Area High School Homecoming queen and king are, from right Brittany Duffin, Andrew Vaughn, Vanessa From, Josh Kempen, Aubrey York, Alex Wilson, Zach Thrasher, Jonathan Haley, Clarissa Lugo, Josh Dobkins, Erika Ramos, Dane Nicholls, and Jessica Dobkins. Not pictured is Kyle Jones.

The Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers will mark traditional Homecoming activities this week before facing off against Salt Fork Friday night.

Spirit Week will be celebrated Monday through Friday with students encouraged to attend school different-themed clothing each day.

Monday is Come As You Are Day, when students may wear pajamas to school followed on Tuesday by Cowboy/Farmer Day. Wednesday is Dress Up Day, while on Thursday, students may look as though they've been through horrible accidents with Fake An Injury Day. Friday rounds out the week with Red, White and Blue Day.

Other activities have been scheduled this week includ-

ing a king and queen candidate assembly at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Parents of student nominees are invited to attend.

Thursday, the annual bonfire will be held by the softball field after the home volleyball game.

The Homecoming parade, featuring class floats, football players, and the Hoopeston Area Marching Corn-

jerkers, will begin at 2 p.m. Friday. The route will be Orange to Fourth St. to Penn to Bank, then Main to downtown.

Homecoming king and queen will be crowned at half-time of Friday's football game. Queen candidates include Jessica Dobkins, Brittany Duffin, Vanessa From and Alex Wilson. King candidates are Josh Dobkins, Kyle Jones, Josh Kempen and Dane Nicholls.

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