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Letters to the Editor

Help asked for Darfur situation

For the past few years, I've been following the crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan. American media rarely covers the genocide (systematic murder of an entire race of people) that's been happening there for the past four years. I've written letters to Senators Obama and Durbin and even called the White House to voice my opinion. Now, as a volunteer with a non-profit organization called LifeNets, I've been invited to meet with Senators in Washington, D.C. on October 3 to deliver the letters we have collected in support of a no-fly zone over Darfur.

The trip, generously sponsored by author Christopher Kush, is a wonderful opportunity and our efforts may be covered by Fox News, CNN, and Good Morning America. I was shocked to receive the invitation, and it made me realize that I am living proof that we can all make a difference. Born and raised in Hoopeston, I now reside in the even smaller town of Tuscola. From my home office in this small town I was able to collect more than 800 personal responses from people around the country.

Now, I'd like to ask for the support of Hoopeston residents. We are just shy of the 10,000 letters we need (100 for each senator). If everyone in Hoopeston who has access to a computer follows this link: <http://www.lifennets.net/dev/?q=node/15&refid=73> and answers a three-question survey, I'm sure our goal will be met.

Additionally, if anyone has family or friends in Alabama, responses from that state will be particularly helpful, as Alabama's Senator Shelby has the ability to fast-track the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act so that it goes to a vote before the Senate adjourns in November.

I am not a politician. I simply speak from my heart. You can do the same as you answer the survey. Please support the hometown girl in my efforts to save the world—or at least part of it. And watch for me Wednesday, October 3. Wish me luck, and hope that I don't get tongue-tied!

Very Sincerely,
Robyn Stone

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Pajama Party" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may come in pajamas.

Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Scouting signup

Daisy, Brownie and Girl Scout signup will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Girl Scout Little House in McFerren Park.

Parent/teacher conferences

Hoopeston Area schools have set parent-teacher conferences for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 and 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 26.

Parents of kindergarten-sixth grade students need to make appointments with teachers to insure time available for their conferences. Parents of students in grades 7-12 do not need to make appointments.

Those who cannot attend during the set times are urged to call their's child's respective school and arrange an alternate time. No grade reports will be sent home with any student. They must be picked up by the parents at their child's attendance center during the listed times. This applies to all students.

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Hoopeston Area Girls Cross Country team follows in footsteps of 2006 winning season

The Hoopeston Area Girls Cross Country team is finding their stride again this year. They repeated as champions of the Bismark Invitational on Sept 13 and finished sixth in the 32 school meet at Spartan Classic in St Joe invitational on Sept 22 (last year they finished eleventh).

Last Saturday, they repeated as champions of the Thunder Run Invitational a 14-school event at Kickapoo State Park hosted by Salt Fork. The Thunder Run

was the first big meet the girls won in 2006. The Thunder Run is not scored in the traditional manner but instead the finishing times are all added together for the team results.

This year Hoopeston Area defeated the closest competitor, Villa Grove, by more than six minutes. Erika Ramos was the first place medalist with a personal best time at Kickapoo of 19:40. Belinda Cohen was 5th overall with a time of 20:44. Abby Newman finished 15 in 22:39, Emily Warner was 19th in 23:35, and Ashley Houmes was 20th in 23:40.

The boys team didn't have enough members to compete as a team but the individuals run very well. Freshman Jeff Hendricks finished 61st with a time of 22:15 followed by William Plaza 69th in 23:47, Evan Pierce was 71st in 24:09 and Vincent Watson was 74th in 24:10.

Our next meet is Thursday at PBL in Paxton which will be an 8 team event called the Mid Season Run. It will begin at 4:30 behind the PBL High School.



Belinda Cohen and Erika Ramos with the first place plaque from Thunder Run. Other team members are not pictured because they left after the event for a marching band competition in Charleston.

DACC to honor seven donors at recognition dinner

Danville – According to college officials, nearly 60 percent of the students at Danville Area Community College qualify for some form of financial aid, and 66 percent of students work at least 20 hours per week. One third of the students at DACC work more than 30 hours per week. Lack of finances is one of the greatest deterrents to student retention.

Financial support in the form of a scholarship is one of the greatest gifts a student can receive. The generous donors who fund private scholarships often make the difference between a student achieving his or her educational goals or having to stop out due to lack of finances.

In recognition of all they have done to further the cause of education in the community, the Danville Area Community College Foundation will honor seven donors during the annual Donor Recognition Dinner to be held on Friday, October 5.

The dinner, held at the Danville Country Club, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include tributes to the donors, as well as speeches from scholarship recipients. The evening will conclude with the traditional candle

light illumination ceremony, which celebrates the impact of Foundation donors on the lives of students. The following donors will be honored:

- The Estate of Marie Christie
- Dr. Angelo and Alberta Anaclerio
- Pete and Doris Clapp
- Matt and Jill Jordan
- Dr. Grover and June Seitzinger
- Vermilion Healthcare Foundation
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Layden

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and are available from the DACC Foundation, 2000 E. Main Street, Vermilion Hall room 209, or by calling (217) 443-8843.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 61. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 76, low 57.

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

Police News



A 31-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 3:58 p.m. Sunday that someone forced his garage door open. The man was still checking on possible missing items.

Matthew C. Bostick, 19, of 1965 E 500 S Lebanon, Ind., was arrested at 11:50 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Orange.

He was charged with driving while license suspended. His vehicle was towed from the scene.

Obituaries

WESTON—Elbert “Pete” Weston, 91, of Hoopeston died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service was at 1 p.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation was 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Classifieds

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