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Letters to the Editor

Foundation director says thank you

We can't always count on the weather but luckily what we can count on is support for the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

On Sunday, December 9th the Foundation held a Holiday Tour of Homes featuring nine area homes. The hosting homes went to a lot of effort in getting ready for this event. As most of you recall, the weather was not cooperative, bringing in ice and treacherous traveling before the tour.

The hosts were ready, the greeters were at their assigned homes and we had many area residents, as well as some from Watseka, Sheldon and elsewhere, brave the weather and attend the tour and it has been deemed a success.

We would like to thank the hosting families: Glen and Shelle Franke, Joe and Linda Fecker, Hugh and Marsha Griffon, Tony and Phyllis Freeland, Mike and Jackie Johnson, Andy and Megan Braden, Dr. and Mrs. Jay Colbert, David and CJ Elliott and Tim and Angie Totheroh. We would also like to thank the neighbors and friends of the hosting families for helping to salt the sidewalks frequently for those touring. A special thank you to Angie Totheroh for co-chairing this event for the Foundation!

Thank you also to the greeters: Marilyn Moore, Bill and Emma Nicholls, Vicki Johnson, Diane Rankin, Cody Roark, Heather Coon, Dorothy Metz, Anne Rhodes, Julie Drollinger, Chris Cade, Lisa Kinney, Megan Deck, Beth and Alyssa Totheroh, Melissa Bird, Vera Keller, Lora Lackey, Sheila Fix, and Eileen Layden.

Thank you to the many businesses and individuals who sold tickets for both the tour and for the beautiful, decorated tree donated by Molly Culbert. Linda

Greenwood was the lucky recipient of the tree.

To everyone who played any part in making such a nasty day turn out so well, thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Charlene Ervin
Foundation Director

Legal drugs could leave kids left behind

If I held a position in governmental power, I wonder if I could dream of a way to convince disadvantaged students, who have shown nothing but failure when they reach the eighth grade, that there is a better life for them in the military.

The effects of legal drugs that some of these students have had to swallow reluctantly to keep them calm and almost asleep during time of learning, should not be overlooked when military recruiters make their calls. These drugs are being questioned today.

When these students receive the devastating news that they have failed in school and have reached the point of no return, can they truthfully be told that good days are ahead and they won't be "left behind"? Is there no failure in war? Actually, they have become a perfect fit for the designed purpose of Washington's dream, "No Child Left Behind."

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

Commander thanks community

I want to thank you for donating so many wonderful school supplies for the Iraqi children. I have visited many schools in Iraq and, unfortunately, most of them have little to no supplies; in fact, it is not uncommon for as many as five children to share the same pencil. Your donations are not just helping the

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Briefly

Siren testing

The monthly test of Hoopeston's emergency sirens will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Sports Booster meeting

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school computer lab. Please use the back door west of the library.

Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Red

Cross blood drive from noon - 6 pm Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. To schedule an appointment, call Lisa Kinney, (217)283-5639. Walk-ins are welcome. People may donate if they last gave blood on or before Nov. 16, 2007.

Neighborhood Watch

Ann Kessler of Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be the speaker at the Jan. 15 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 3 p.m. at Country Terrace. All are welcome.

Cornjerkers win against Armstrong-Potomac, Clifton

Hoopeston Area picked up two wins last week, including one conference match.

On Friday, Hoopeston Area cagers took a first-quarter lead to a 56-50 conference win in overtime over Armstrong-Potomac at AP.

Jordan Flint led the scoring drive with 19 points, followed by Clayton Snyder with 14 and 6 rebs. Brad Lawson chipped in 12 points and Brock Baker had five assists on the night. For freethrows, the Cornjerkers were 22 of 30 in the match.

On Saturday, the Cornjerkers came home to narrowly defeat Clifton Central, 38-35.

Snyder led scorers with 19, along with 7 rebounds. Lawson contributed nine points and four rebounds, while Baker had five assists and two rebounds. The team was 12 of 19 from the stripe.

Letters continued from other side

Iraqi children, but helping the Global War on Terrorism by winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. Additionally, your contributions have helped to ensure the children, as the future leaders of Iraq, are educated and receive the full impact of American compassion and the willingness to give, in order to help others.

I want to give special thanks to the community of Hoopeston, IL for their efforts and contribution to your donations. It is amazing what people can do when they put their minds and hearts together to achieve a common goal. Our country needs more communities like yours to show the world that America does care!

Sincerely,
Ralph J. Romine, Col, USAF
Garrison Commander
Det 1, 332 EMSG
APO AE 09315

Weather



Heavy rain today. High 58. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 43, low 32.

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

The Cornjerkers play at home Tuesday night, taking on the Milford Bearcats and travel to Georgetown-Ridge Farm on Friday.

Classifieds

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