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Gifts in memory of local woman to fund helipad project

Ray and Freddie Ervin were familiar with the use of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital's helicopter service.

The helicopter service is used to transport patients to other trauma centers for critical healthcare needs. Ray and Freddie's daughter, Marti, had a need for this service many times in recent years.

When Marti passed away, the couple decided that they would ask for memorials to the Hoopeston Hospital Ambulance Service, which assists in helicopter transfers.

Their request was immediately answered with donations coming from family, friends and many in the medical field who had treated or heard of Marti.

With the need for upgrades on the helicopter pad, Ambulance Supervisor Lloyd Smith decided that their donation, and other memorials made in her name, would be a great start towards the funds needed to upgrade the helicopter pad. Ray and Freddie complimented the facility, specifically the Ambulance and ER staff and physicians for the great medical care that Marti received many times.

When told of the donation and memorials, Jackie Johnson, Chief Clinical Officer, said that this act of



Ambulance supervisor Lloyd Smith, left, accepts a donation from Ray and Freddie Ervin, in memory of their daughter, Marti. The Ervins' donation, along with others, is earmarked for a helipad update project.

kindness was a testament to the support the facility receives from the community who have used and felt gratitude for the services they have received.

The Helicopter Pad project still needs additional donations before it can be completed. If you or a loved one have benefited from care at the healthcare facility and wish to be a part of this project, you may send your donation to Hoopeston Regional Health Center, c/o Helicopter Pad Project - Attention Betsy Morgenroth, 701 E. Orange Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, 60942.

If donations are adequate to cover the costs, the project will be started in early summer.

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Cornjerker Jordan Crabtree gets a hug from mom, Michelle, as dad, Cliff looks on during Senior Night on Feb. 8. Hoopeston Area soundly defeated Armstrong-Potomac, 50-26.

Hoopeston Cornjerker men take three of last four outings

Hoopeston Area added three in the win column during their last four recent outings.

On Feb. 5, the Cornjerkers traveled to Schlarman where they outscored the Hilltoppers, 57-40.

Clayton Snyder led the Cornjerkers in scoring with 25, along with 11 rebounds, followed by Jordan Flint with 10 points and eight rebs. Brock Baker contributed six points and seven assists.

Rounding out scoring were Brad Lawson and Jordan Wyss with four each, Logan Davis with three, Hayden Cornelius and Jason Leigh with two and Cody Eells with one.

The next contest was at home on Feb. 8, against Armstrong-Potomac, for Pack the Place and Senior Night. The Cornjerkers took advantage of the home court to defeat A-P, 50-26.

Snyder led scorers with 18 points and six rebounds, followed by Baker with 15 points, five assists and five rebounds.

Last Friday saw the Cornjerkers pitted against Oakwood and once again, the Hoopeston Area men

showed what they were made of, besting the Comets, 51-43.

Again, Snyder was the lead scorer with 13 points, followed by Baker with 10 points, 10 rebounds and three assists.

Other scorers were Brad Lawson with 12, Flint with nine, Davis, four, and Wyss, three.

Saturday saw the make-up game between Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning and marked the Cornjerkers' only recent loss, 57-43.

Baker took the lead in the scoring effort with 14 points and eight rebounds, followed by Wyss with nine, Lawson with eight, Flint with six, and Snyder five. Matt Silver scored one point but had four assists in the contest.

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Police News



A **41-year-old** man reported Monday that someone damaged the right fender of his vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of South Sixth St.

A **31-year-old** man reported Monday that someone cut the left front tire of his vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of North Ninth Ave.

William H. Baker, 24, of Hoopeston was arrested at 9:56 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of East Elm.

Obituaries

CRAMER - Sandra Christine (Dalton) Cramer, 58, of Hoopeston died at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-1942.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Additionally, Baker was charged with resisting or obstructing a peace officer, interfering with reporting domestic violence and disarming a peace officer.

Baker was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:15 a.m. Monday to a gas spill at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn.

No injuries or damage was reported.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 17. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 2. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 25, low 18.

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