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Cornjerker Hall of Fame gets school board approval

Hoopeston's best and brightest athletes, coaches and others have been called Cornjerkers since the 1920s. They have lived on in the minds of residents but now they will have an official place of remembrance.

At Thursday's meeting, the Hoopeston Area School Board, in a 5-1 vote, approved guidelines for the Hoopeston Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame will be a way to maintaining athletic programs and recognizing those who made significant contributions to school's athletic programs.

To be overseen by a committee, the hall of fame will honor individuals in four categories: athletic achieve-

ments or records at HAHS, awards at HAHS, booster, administrator or fans, and noteworthy lifetime achievement. Recipients may be in categories of athlete, alumnus/alumna, coach, contributor and team. Nominees in the alumnus/alumna and team categories must have graduated at least 10 years prior to nomination.

No more than four members will be inducted annually with special consideration given for senior citizen and underrepresented populations.

Nominations may come from the selection committee, current staff, current members of the booster club or alumni and must be submitted on the official nomination

See FAME on other side



Photo contributed

Winners
Trey Houmes took 3rd place and Hunter Cloud 6th place at the Prairielands Council Pinewood Derby Championships on April 2nd. Over 170 Cub Scouts participated in the race. Trey and Hunter are members of the Hoopeston Cub Scout Pack 118.

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Letters to the Editor



Mayor, board not doing best for village

To Rossville citizens:

At the April 18 Rossville Village Board meeting, Mayor Terry Prillaman erred when he said Randy Lusk was responsible for the board considering putting the water main project on Grove Street. This was my idea. The mayor then said that the engineer that he brought to the board put on the biggest “dog and pony show” that’s ever been put on when he made his presentation to the board. The engi-

neer did a computer analysis of our water system and suggested we do three blocks on Summit Street. That is when I asked Mr. Lusk to put together a quote for doing the job in house with our men and equipment. The board agreed with this quote and passed it 5-1. The mayor vetoed it.

At the April 18 board meeting, in explaining his veto, the mayor put on his own “dog and pony show.” He stated the materials would cost \$30,653. That is the only

thing he got correct. He stated the wages would be \$14,600. The correct figure is \$10,800, of which \$6,877 is their regular salaries, so it leaves a balance of \$3,927. He then stated that we need a timekeeper at a cost of \$3,000. The grant manager, Mr. Brusingham, says we do not need a timekeeper. Mr. Lusk could keep the time but the mayor said he wasn’t sure whether Mr. Lusk wouldn’t “milk” the job.

The mayor then said there would be a depreciation of \$9,100 to village equipment. Who knows where that figure came from?

If we do this job, it would cost about \$12,000 per

block. The bids we got were \$25,000 per block.

Unfortunately, the board bought into the mayor’s “dog and pony” show and voted illegally 5-1 to rebid the entire job. Rossville will lose at least \$40,000 by using an outside contractor—money that could be spent on our water system!

The mayor and trustees took an oath to do the right thing for Rossville. Does anyone other than Mayor Prillaman and the five trustees who voted for this think this is the right thing for Rossville?

Shame on the mayor and the board!

Richard P. Queen
Trustee

Obituaries

BOYER - Helen Marie (Beckner) Boyer, 72, of Williamsport, Ind., died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Iroquois Memorial Resident Home, Watseka. She will be cremated. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 N. Laird Lane, Watseka, IL 60970 or St. Elizabeth Hospice, 1415 Salem St., Suite 202, West Lafayette, IN, 47904.

JOHNSON - Marie K. Johnson, 89, of East Lynn, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at Heartland Health Care Center, Paxton. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MARTINEZ - Arnolando Martinez, 66, of Hoopeston, died at 9:07 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at St. Vincent Hospice Center, Indianapolis, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Fame continued from other side

form, which is available through the athletic director’s office, main school office or at booster meeting.

Under the guidelines, nominations and support material must be submitted by May 1 of each year for a candidate to be considered for the following year. Winning nominees will be notified by Aug 1 each year and will be inducted during halftime of the final home regular football game.

Nominees who are not inducted will remain eligible for five years. After that time, the name must be resubmitted on a new form for consideration. The provision does not apply to candidates in the senior category.

The hall of fame project has been in the works for more than two years

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved resignations from Ann Penicook, home economics; Mike Caparula/ high school dean of students/drama sponsor; Wayne Bandy, seventh grade boys basketball; Denise Caparula, high school assistant volleyball; and Kendra Flohr, middle school cheerleading. All are effective at the end of this school year.
- Approved hiring April Handy, high school math;

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today. High 58. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 41. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 57, low 41.

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Diana Judy, seventh grade English; Andrea Lyman and Jennifer Rea, fifth grade; Jane Sweeney, sixth grade; Anna Marie Wilcoxon, part time speech language pathologist; Reaine Wilson, Spanish; Christina Coffman, payroll clerk; and Michelle Huller, John Greer Scholastic Bowl.

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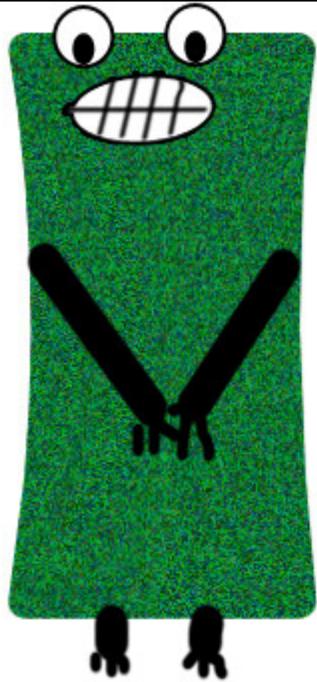
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