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# —Briefly

#### **Marching Cornjerker fundraiser**

Members of the Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers will hold a street corner collection Saturday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at Main and Market, Penn and Market and Routes 1 and 9. Funds are for the band's trip to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

### **Luminary fundraiser**

First Presbyterian Church youth are selling luminaries for Christmas, a fundraiser for their summer mission trip to Washington, D.C. Luminaries are 10 for \$10. Youth will deliver them the week of December 19. To order, call the church, 283-6229.

#### **Annual meeting**

North Fork Conservation Club's annual membership meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the club. The 2012 board will be elected. Members are urged to attend. For more information, call the secretary, (217) 283-9676.

#### **Tutor training**

The Reader's Route, a DACC literacy program, needs volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read better. Training will be offered Saturdays, Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Danville Public Library. To register call Scott Heatherton at 217-443-8785 or e-mail sheather@dacc.edu.



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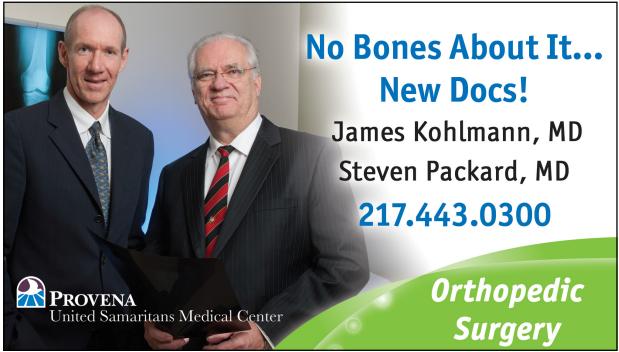
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#### **Letters to the Editor**

### Cornjerkers were jewel of parade

I had the opportunity to organize this year's 82nd annual Jaycee Christmas Parade that occurred on December 3 in Bloomington-Normal. The theme was "We Still Believe..." The theme was intentionally left open ended because everyone believes in something different and has different priorities in life. As the Jaycee Chair, my goal was to revitalize the parade and the theme gave a wide interpretation for hopefully many participants. In my case, I can say that I still believe in hometown pride and small town values. And I wanted to bring some of that to the parade.

The Jaycee Christmas parade is a staple that is expected every year, but there had been a decline in attendance and participation recently. For instance, it had been at least eight years since a band marched in the parade. This year, I made it my personal goal to get at least one band to participate in an effort to revitalize the parade.

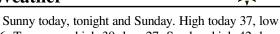
The Hoopeston Area Marching Band was the first to

answer our desperate call for a marching band and made the two-hour journey from Hoopeston to Bloomington as one of the shining jewels of the parade. The parade would not have been a success without them. Placed at the front of the parade, they were able to set the tone and excitement level - we were extremely lucky to have them out. As a Hoopeston Area alumnus and former marching band member, it was with pride that I could say Hoopeston made a tremendous effort, put on an outstanding show, and was highly appreciated by the Jaycees and the parade-goers!

So, to Wendy Ronna, the Hoopeston Area Marching Band, and all the support staff that made your trip possible, I would like to give a big thank you from the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees and residents of Bloomington-Normal. Your participation was wonderful. As Parade Chair, I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude. When I thought I couldn't get a band and had dwindling participants, you broke the mold and came through as the first commitment. From there, the parade went on to have 57 participants, two bands! I hope you will consider making the trip back next year and any year after that. You will always be welcome.

Chairman, 2011 Jaycees Christmas Parade

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26. Tomorrow, high 39, low 27. Sunday, high 42, low

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