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Pilot program focuses on freshmen dreams as career path

A new program at Hoopeston Area High School aims to keep kids interested in school by tapping into their dreams.

Project Future: Creating the Dream, offered by the Hoopeston DACC Higher Learning Center, is geared to high school freshmen, said Karla Coon, director of the Higher Learning Center at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

Coon, marking the first anniversary of the center and her job there, said she listened to people who come to the center to get their GEDs and came up with a program that will hopefully keep some kids in school and not in the GED line.

Coon worked with Carla Boyd, DACC director of Career and Employment Services and coordinator of Student Support Services to answer the question, "What are we going to do to help our kids," and approached Principal Larry Maynard with a proposed solution.

Creating the Dream focuses on freshmen to give students support through high school before going on to college to achieve their dreams.

Maynard provided Coon with a list of 21 potential candidates. Of those, seven expressed interest and three actually showed up for the summer session. "We were

not at all discouraged" about the low number of participants, Coon said, saying it gave organizers a chance to fine-tune the program.

Students met twice a week for five weeks at the DACC Higher Learning Center. There, they talked about their hopes and dreams, their likes and dislikes and honed those to focus on a possible career. For example, Coon said one student thought he wanted to be a graphic designer but through the program, now wants to use a love of history to become an anthropologist.

"There's no blueprint here," Maynard said, who spent a couple days listening to the students during their summer session. "We're kind of creating as we go."

With school back in session, Create the Dream participants meet monthly with DACC staff to keep on track, and Coon said just what has been done so far has helped. "The kids that walked out were different than the kids who walked in the front door," she said.

Coon will be discussing Create the Dream with Hoopeston groups but wanted to speak first with the school board.

Program funding came from private donations from members of the Hoopeston Economic Development Committee and Hoopeston Rotary, she said.

Tune in at
 5 p.m. tonight
 Hoopeston Happenings
 featuring Michelle & Cliff Crabtree
 on the National Sweetheart Pageant
 on WFPO!




VFW Menu
 Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston
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 Wednesday: Wings 5-8 p.m.
 Thursdays: Tacos by Norma
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

5 p.m. Gates Open—\$2 admission
Display Area, Midway, Beer Tent Opens
5-10 p.m. Ride Special Bracelet Night
11 p.m. Midway & Beer Tent Close

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

5 p.m. Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
Display Area, Midway, Beer Tent Open
5-10 p.m. Ride Special Bracelet Night
6 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull (Annex)
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
9:30-12:30 The Brat Pack (Beer Tent)
11 p.m. Midway Closes
1 a.m. Beer Tent Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

6 am Flea Market Opens
7:30 am 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Honeywell School)
8 am Sweetcorn 5 K Run (Honeywell School)
8:45 am Little Corn Eaters Run (Honeywell School)
9 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
9 a.m.-Noon Car Show Registration
10:30 am Grand Parade (Downtown Hoopeston)
Noon Midway, Display Area Open
Ride Special Bracelet all day
12:01-12:40 p.m. Brian the Juggler (through the Midway)
12-5 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1 p.m. Beer Tent Opens
1:30-5 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN
2-2:30 p.m. Sweet Adelines (Fullfill Center Stage)
2:30-3:30 p.m. Tammy's Dance Arts Center
(Fullfill Center Stage)
3 p.m. Car Show Awards Presented
Hoopeston Animal Shelter Cow Chip Bingo
(east side of Lagoon)
3:30-4 p.m. Sweet Adelines (Fullfill Center Stage)
4-6 p.m. Doc Ashton & the Root Canals
(Fullfill Center Stage)
4-8 p.m. Southern Transfer Band (Beer Tent)
6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)

71st National Sweet Corn Festival

August 28-September 1, 2014
McFerren Park - Hoopeston
Sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees

7:30 p.m. Demolition Derby I (Annex)
9:30-12:30 Social Factor Band (Beer Tent)
11 p.m. Midway Closes
1 am Beer Tent Closes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8 am Flea Market Opens
9 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
11 am Children Fishing Derby Sign Up
(Crabtree Shelter)

Noon Midway, Display Area, Beer Tent
Ride Special Bracelet all day
FREE SWEETCORN
12-4 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
12-5 p.m. Corn Eating Contest
12:30-1 p.m. Groove Katz (Fullfill Center Stage)
1-3 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1-4 p.m. Autograph Session (CC)
1:15-2:15 p.m. State of Grace (Fullfill Center Stage)
3-4 p.m. Gordy & Brooke Allen (Fullfill Center Stage)
4-5 p.m. HAHS Marching Band (Fullfill Center Stage)
5-6 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (CC)
6:30 p.m. Demo Derby II (Annex)
7:30 p.m. Country Feel Band (Beer Tent)
8:30-11:30 p.m. Midway closes
10 p.m. Pageant Reception (Civic Center)
Beer Tent Closes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8 am Flea Market Opens
9 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
Display Area Opens
Baby Contest Registration (Civic Center)
Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (CC)
10 am Mark's Ark Animal Show (Fullfill Center Stage)
11 a.m. Midway, Beer Tent Open
Noon Ride Special Bracelet all day
Rob Thompson Magic (Fullfill Center Stage)
FREE SWEETCORN
12-4 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1-4 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic (Fullfill Center Stage)
2 p.m. Mark's Ark Animal Show (Fullfill Center Stage)
3 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic (Fullfill Center Stage)
4 p.m. Midway and Beer Tent Closes
9:00 p.m.

Briefly

Labor Day closings

- Just the Facts will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Labor Day. Publication will resume Wednesday.
- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Saturday and Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Change in festival schedule

The time for both demo derbies at the National Sweetcorn Festival has been changed to 7:30 p.m., instead of 6 and 7 p.m. as posted. Admission is \$8.

The gathering

"The Gathering," a monthly get-together of Rossville senior citizens, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the fire station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:45 pm. Tuesday to Teasdale Foods, 215 W. Washington, for an active alarm, which turned out false due to a power outage.

Obituaries

LONG - Clara B. (Madison) Long, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, at Watseka Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow at Floral Hill Cemetery.

TEEGARDEN - Anna Marie (Korzen) Teegarden, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, at home. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 84. Tonight, cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of storms late. High 88, low 69.

Outdoor church service

Hoopeston First Church of God will hold an outdoor church service (weather permitting) at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, 1004 E. Orange. Nursery, toddler care and junior church are available. The service is open to the public. All are welcome. A picnic lunch will follow at 11 a.m.

Classifieds

HOUSES FOR SALE

For sale by owner. 1031 W Honeywell, Hoopeston. 2 BR, detached 2-car garage, plus extra lot. Appliances & window treatments stay. Good condition-ready to move in. \$49,500, lots of potential. Call 217-283-5058.

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RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 801 S. Fifth St. Fri., 7-noon. Jr. clothing, boys, women's baby clothes, baby items, boys/girls golf glubs, lots of misc. Come rain or shine!

HOOPESTON: 521 E. Penn (in alley). FRI., SAT., SUN., MON., 7-2. Doors, windows, furniture, books, VHS, DVD, tapes, players, bookends, kitchen, household, baby items, candles, knickknacks, decorations. Elvis, collectibles, lamp, UV light, bedding, afghan, clothes, 3 room tent, 17" tires, tools, Craftsman garage door parts, wicker items, wood drawers, sewing machine, shelving units, antiques, toys, new items, perennials.

HOOPESTON: 428 E. Main (in the back) Fri., 4-8 p.m. Moving sale. Everything has to go! Men & women's clothes, tons of baby boy clothes (newborn-3T) .50 each, baby swing, high chair, toys, rims, misc. household & so much more. Everything priced to sell!

HOOPESTON: Corner of Rt. 1 & Honeywell. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Pot People, ribbon wreaths, birthday angels, Avon, dog planters, kids' wooden toys & chairs, lots of tools & sweetcorn souvenirs.

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