



Cornjerkers gears up for Homecoming with Disney theme

"Disney" is the theme of this year's Homecoming activities at Hoopeston Area High School.

Spirit week, leading up to Friday's football game and Saturday's dance, started Monday, with "Come as You Are Day," with students attending school in their pajamas. Tuesday is "Celebrity Day," with students encouraged to dress as their favorite movie. TV or music celeb-

rity. Loud floral prints can come out of the closet on Wednesday, "Hawaiian Day," followed on Thursday, "Disney Day," when students may dress as their favorite Disney character or in Disney clothing. Friday rounds out the special week of dressing with "Spirit Day," when students should dress in Cornjerker clothing or school See HOMECOMING on other side



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Salt Fork Storm blows away Cornjerkers, 46-0; team faces Bis-Hen next for Homecoming

The Cornjerker Football team traveled to Catlin Friday to face off against Salt Fork. It was all Salt Fork from the get go as they jumped out to an early lead and kept the attack coming on their way to a 46-0 victory. The offense showed that they could move the ball on Salt Fork but penalties of a turnover would rear its ugly head.

Brock Watson was the leading rusher with 15 yards on the ground followed by Coty Coon, who people in the conference are starting to recognize as one heck of a back, with 14 yards on eight touches. Gavin Gard had the long run of the night when he took the snap from Kade Ramos and scattered behind Brock Watson for a gain of 16 yards. Eliseo Zamora had seven yards rushing before leaving the game with a concussion. Senior Kevin Lane got one carry, as he is nursing a bum ankle, for 11 yards. Defensively the team showed some bright spots. They stopped the Storm offense three times when they were

stopped the Storm offense three times when they were charging down the field. Defense were in correct spots most of the night, but just didn't finish on the play.

Jacob Varns led the team in tackles with nine followed by Dylan Bays with eight and Harrington Matherne and Geno Wagoner with seven each. Gerd Herron stepped up big in his role at nose guard providing six tackles on the night. Jacob Nolan had four tackles, with three of the tackles for loss and Coty Coon with four at the middle linebacker position. Brock Watson had one fumble recovery for 17 yards. Special teams did provide a turn over as well when Hoopeston Area Coty Coon punted the ball away and the return man muffed the kick and a Cornjerker player was able to pounce on it.

Next week the Cornjerkers will be back home as they host a very talented Bismarck-Henning team. It will be Homecoming so come on out and support the team.

Social Security announces return to mailing benefits, encourage creating online account

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, recently announced the agency will resume the periodic mailing of Social Security *Statements*--once every five years for most workers--while encouraging everyone to create a secure *my* Social Security account to immediately access their *Statement* online, anytime.

The *Statement* is a valuable financial planning tool providing workers age 18 and older with important individualized information regarding their earnings, tax contributions, and estimates for future retirement, disability, and survivors benefits.

"We have listened to our customers, advocates, and Congress; and renewing the mailing of the *Statement* reinforces our commitment to provide the public with an easy, efficient way to obtain an estimate of their future Social Security benefits," Colvin said. "I encourage everyone to create their own secure *my* Social Security account to obtain immediate access to their *Statement* online, anytime."

Beginning this month, workers attaining ages 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 who are not receiving Social Security benefits and who are not registered for a *my* Social Security account will receive the *Statement* in the mail about three months before their birthday. After age 60, people will receive a *Statement* every year. The agency expects to send nearly 48 million *Statements* each year.

The Social Security *Statement* helps people plan for their financial future. In addition to providing future benefit estimates, the *Statement* highlights a person's complete earnings history, allowing workers to verify the accuracy of their earnings. This is important because an individual's future benefit amount is determined by the amount of their earnings over their lifetime. To date, more than 14 million people have established a personalized *my* Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

With a *my* Social Security account, people may access the *Statement* from their home, office or library whenever they choose. Those who currently receive benefits should sign up for a *my* Social Security account to manage their benefit payments and, when the need arises, get an instant benefit verification letter, change

Homecoming continued from other side colors of red, white and blue.

The Homecoming bonfire will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and the Homecoming parade at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Cornjerkers face Bismarck-Henning at 7 p.m. Friday for the Homecoming game. Coronation of Homecoming royalty will be held during halftime.

Senior queen candidates are Madie Brown, Rylee Martin, Doris Varela and Holly Morgeson. King candidates are Kameron Hoskins, Matt Stock, Coty Coon and Bryce Leigh.

Attendants are juniors Noah Jett and Kylee Warner; sophomores Charlie Warner and Olivia Huls; and freshmen William Franke and Shelby Symmonds.

Homecoming activities end Saturday with the "Once Upon a Time" dance Saturday from 8-11 p.m. in the high school gym. their address and phone number, and start or change direct deposit of their benefit payment.

Colvin reinforced that "whether conducting business with Social Security via the Internet, mail, telephone or face-to-face, we will continue to provide convenient, cost-effective, secure and quality customer service to meet the needs of the public we serve."

Obituaries

CHESNUT - Lois Jean (Deck) Chesnut, 81, of Colison, formerly of Rossville, died at 9:08 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of her life Wednesday at Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Chapel, Potomac. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

SMILEY - Art Smiley, 94, of East Lynn, died at 1:54 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, at Westminster Village, West Lafayette, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

VAUGHN - Kenneth D. Vaughn, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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Weather

Cloudy, becoming sunny. High 72. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 51. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 79, low 58.

Police News

Patricia J. McCarthy, 56, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:45 p.m. Sunday after she allegedly repeatedly interrupted officers during an investigation. She was charged with disobeying a police officer and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Kurtis J. Simpson, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:51 p.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of East Thompson. Wanted on a Champaign County warrant for driving while revoked and driving under the influence, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Champaign to await arraignment.

A 36-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12:32 p.m. Sunday that someone keyed her vehicle while it was parked in the 700 block of Wilson.

Todd Davis, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested on a preliminary charge of aggravate assault after an incident at 4:51 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of Wilson. He was arrested on a complaint from a 46-year-old Hoopeston woman, who alleged he threatened to harm her.

Davis was released on \$150 bond with a court date.

A 19-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 10:42 p.m. Sunday that someone pulled a window screen back and tried to get into her home in the 500 block of East Penn.

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