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Student finds appreciation for Veterans Day in participating

Editor's note: Each year before Veterans Day, Hoopeston Area High School students write essays on a topic related to the day. This year, students were challenged to write about the personal significance in their hearts and minds, said HAHS Principal Marc Campbell. Of the essays submitted, "one of those stood above the rest in poignancy and sincerity," he said at Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony.

By MAYA CORNELIUS

I have to admit that through my middle school years, I did not fully understand the meaning of Veterans' Day.

It was not until the Veterans assembly during my freshmen year, did I truly begin to understand the significance of November 11th. I played in the band and rehearsed the Armed Service medley numerous times, but while playing in front of the student body and community members, I experienced a sense of pride I had never felt before.

I was overcome with goosebumps as I watched the men and women stand, one by one, as their branch song sounded. Seeing the pride in their eyes and stature, even as some struggled to stand or needed help from a friend, soon became my favorite part of the community assembly.

But this part of the assembly was special for another reason; my grandfather was in the crowd, standing as the Air Force song echoed through the gym. I saw my grandfather different for the first time this day. I saw him as a Veteran; a man that had sacrificed and served our country selflessly so we could be and remain free.

Freedom is earned, not given. Freedom is the privilege of free speech and making our own decisions. Freedom is the United States because of the many

brave men and women that fought for our independence.



CORNELIUS

Thank you does not seem enough to show the appreciation I have for those that have served our great country. I have thought many times of ways that I could better show my appreciation or give back to the Veterans that have so selflessly given me freedom. The gifts I choose to give to Veterans and our great nation are respect, pride, and the promise to pass the true meaning of Veterans' Day onto my children and grandchildren.

Having the opportunity to be a participant of the high school band at the community Veterans' Day assemblies is an honor and privilege that I will always cherish. It has instilled a level of patriotism and pride that will stick with me forever.

Even though it doesn't seem near enough, I would like to say this: thank you Veterans, thank you for being our great nation's patriots and heroes, and thank you for your undying courage and sacrifices to protect our freedoms and make a better life for each and every one of us.

**Hoopston
American Legion
Texas Hold 'Em**
Sunday, November 19
Registration at noon, play starts at 1
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November 16 5 - 8 p.m.

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From the Blotter

A pair of ladies' glasses was found at the Lorraine Theatre after Saturday's show. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 6:04 a.m. Monday that someone

passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at the store. Police took the bill and are investigating.

A 40-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 4 p.m. Monday that someone keyed his vehicle, causing extensive damage.

Cornjerker fifth, sixth grade basketballers kick off season

Thursday night at John Greer gym, the Cornjerker 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball teams got their season started. Both teams came away with a loss, but showed a lot of heart against a very good Prairieview-Ogden team.

The 5th grade team dropped their game, 35-12. Kayden Simmons led the team with 4 points while Dylan Judy, Angle Zamora, Trenton Montez and Noah Gonzalez had two points each. Nate Gash led the team in rebounds with 2, followed by Zamora, Jacob Rush, Noah Marshall and Eligh Hofer with one a piece. Zamora had a great defensive game by creating a PVO team to turn the ball over 4 times.

The 6th grade team lost to PVO, 35-14 with Owen Root leading the way with 6 point and going two for three from the free-throw line. Mason Rush scored 4 points and Felix Hernandez and Miles Robinson each had a bucket to round out the scoring.

Scheduling snafu hits fifth grade game

The teams were back in action Monday night, traveling to Georgetown-ridge Farm.

Briefly

Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. The group is open to all past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, contact Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

Legion Early Bird

Hoopeston American Legion Early Bird Dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 18. This free dinner is for all members who have prepaid 2018 dues or who pay at the door. Social time is 4-5 p.m. with the dinner at 6 p.m. Delivery to shut-ins is available by calling the Post home at (217) 283-6312.

Leaf disposal

Residents are asked to not place leaf piles in the street gutter. Please leave piles up on the curb for pickup.

The 5th grade team had a different type of night, finding out when they arrived that another team messed up and showed as well. It was agreed that all three teams would play.

First the Cornjerkers played a 12 minute running clock game against Salt Fork, followed by another 12 minute running clock against the host Georgetown Ridge-Farm. The first 12 minutes finished in a tied game with each team scoring 10 points.

The second game had the Cornjerkers falling to the host school 5-2.

Owen Root led the team with 6 rebounds and 3 steals. Others with rebounds were Rush 4, Eisenman, Montez, Robinson, and Steiner each with 2 each. Owen Cease and Evan Lile also had 1 board each. Bryson Brewer had 2 steals and Eisenman and Montez each had a steal.

Letters to the Editor

The Hoopeston Lions Club thanks the community for supporting the Fish Fry's in the Park this year. Because of the community's support, we are able to provide various services for those in need in the community.

We will see everyone again the first Saturday of May in 2018.

Hoopeston Lions Club

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department and Arrow Ambulance were sent to an auto accident at 11:15 p.m. Monday at 1700 East and 4200 North for unknown injuries.

Weather

Showers, partly sunny today. High 51. Tonight, clear. Low 30. Tomorrow mostly sunny. High 42, low 34.

Harvest emergency declared; permits available to haul more

Truck drivers carrying agricultural products on Illinois highways are now eligible for free permits to exceed highway weight limits by as much as 10 percent due to an emergency declaration issued by Governor Bruce Rauner on November 5. The declaration is in effect for 45 days. It comes in response to weather-related delays for farmers and grain handlers and will allow for quicker crop transportation now that the harvest is underway.

According to figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Illinois' corn harvest is 17% behind last year's rate and trails the five year average by 11%. The delays have backed up the transportation chain for farmers seeking to bring in their harvest and transport it to storage sites.

Information about the permits can be obtained from the Illinois Department of Transportation by visiting <https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov/>.

Court Dispositions

October 5

Jesse Zarate, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty in two general nuisance cases, fined \$180 in each; status hearing November 2.

Cheryl Burkert, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs, found guilty by default; fined \$200, status hearing November 2.

Craig Blankenship, Bloomington, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default; fined \$200, status hearing November 2.

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