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St. Anthony Youth & Friends gear up for dinner, mission trip

This June will be the 19th consecutive annual mission trip for the St. Anthony Youth Group and Friends. This year the group is travelling to New Orleans, where they will join 250 other likeminded students from other parts of the country and accomplish 40 projects.

To raise funds for the trip, youth and adults will hold the 19th annual Jambalaya Dinner. This year's event will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at St. Anthony Parish Hall.

"What do we do at camp you ask?" said Sarah Lukas, a three-year veteran. "It might be a variety of things. In low income and dilapidated neighborhoods, we paint houses (inside and out), landscape, build handicap ramps, work in soup kitchens, work with low-income child-care services, deliver 'meals on wheels', etc. We don't know until we get there.

"My favorite project so far has been in Philadelphia



Area youth who took part in last year's St. Anthony's annual mission trip. Pictured are front, from left: Wyatt Johnson, Sarah Lukas, Brea Boyer, Lucy Lugo, Mason Layden and back: Luis Lugo, Brycie Carnahan, Ryleigh Wardall, Alyssa Alwardt, Orlando Morales, JJ Mendez, Jonathon Morales. Not pictured: Samantha Cable, Sabrina Koenig, Makenzie Tate, Gretchen Marx, Ethan Marx, Gizelle Mendez.

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where my work group painted a house. The resident lady was so nice and I really enjoyed getting to know her."

"I like seeing different parts of the United States" said

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Obituaries

GRINER - James C. Griner, 76, of Boothwyn, Penn., formerly of Hoopeston, died suddenly on February 22, 2019 at Crozer Chester Medical Center. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Monday at Pagano Funeral Home, 3711 Foulk Rd., Garnet Valley, PA. Private burial

From the Blotter

Crystal G. Robinson, 40, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was released on bond with a new court date.

Stephen Spivey, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation involving a vehicle in which he was a passenger.

He was charged with possession of cannabis and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Weather

Cloudy today, tonight. High 32, low 21. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of snow late. High 40, low 26.

will be held. Memorials are suggested to Awakened Heart Spiritual Center, P.O. Box 7536, Wilmington, DE 19803 (www.awakenedheart.net/donate.php) or donor's choice.

RUSSELL - James L. Russell, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 2:51 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, in Buckley. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Mission continued from other side

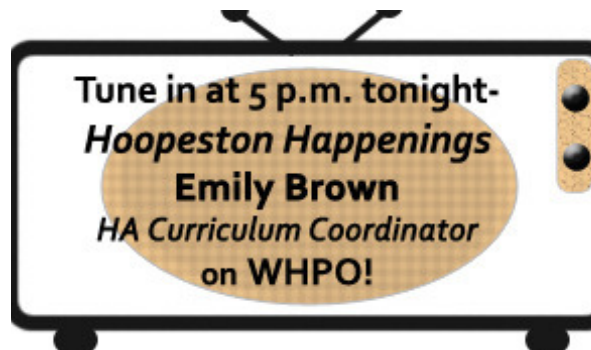
JJ Mendez. "I have been to Philadelphia and Savannah. This year we are going to New Orleans. Traveling like this is an education in itself. The cultural differences amaze me."

Over the years, the group has served the poverty areas of Tampa, Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta, Denver, Philadelphia, Savannah, Oklahoma City, Lancaster, PA, Norfolk, VA and Dover, DE.

Each year, the group has one free day, when they experience something unique to the local culture. Since the trips began, participants have swum in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico; touched the Liberty Bell and saw Ben Franklin's grave in Philadelphia and gone white water rafting in Colorado. They visited Ground Zero in New York City and the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC and sat at the actual launch control computers at Kennedy Space Center.

"And we make new friends at camp" said Mason Layden. "We eat together. We sleep on the schoolroom floors. In the evenings, we join as one in spiritual and social activities that are only possible with so many young people celebrating together."

Alyssa Alwardt summarized the program by saying "We work hard. We have fun. Believe me, we don't get a lot of sleep."



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The Cornjerker Connection

Greetings! Today I would like to share my thoughts about the influence of social media on our children.

At school, we are noticing an increase in the number of students who are having problems getting along with others because of social media. An argument between students at school is many times a direct result of something that was posted or shared on social media the night prior. It seems our children find it easier to speak to one another in an aggressive or rude manor online. Programs such as Snapchat are designed to allow children to post comments, pictures and videos that automatically "disappear" after 24 hours. This leads to problems getting along when face-to-face.

I believe we can work together to guide our children down a better path. No matter what the age, it is beneficial for parents/guardians to monitor social media accounts. It may be hard to do this at the same time that children are growing and asking for more independence. But the virtual world that children create with one another can be cruel, and one way to help stop this is through careful attention to your child's online world.

If we expect our children to care for one another, both online and offline, and take steps to help them create positive relationships on social media, we can make a difference in how our students get along with each other both in and out of school. Hoopeston Area School District is blessed to partner with parents, guardians and the community to help students succeed in life.

It is a great day to be a Cornjerker!

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