

A circular poster for the Hoopeston Jaycees Spooktacular. The top half features the Jaycees logo with two bats on either side. Below the logo, the text "Downtown Hoopeston" is written. The bottom half features the word "SPOOKTACULAR" in large, jagged red letters. Below this, the event details are listed: "Monday, October 25 5:30-7:30 p.m.", "Costume Contest at 7 p.m.", and "Contest open to ages 0-12".

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Cornjerkers take the wind out of the Storm, headed to playoffs for first time since 1993

The Storm passed and the drought is over.

The Hoopeston Area-Armstrong-Potomac football coop defeated Salt Fork, 22-20, in Homecoming football Friday night. The team's win - the fifth this season - means the Cornjerkers have enough wins to enter the playoffs, a goal not realized since 1993.

Senior Abel Colunga had a 96-yard run for touchdown and Hunter Cannon entered the end zone after a 58-yard sprint. Junior Anthony Zamora scored after a 50-yard run. Cannon and Colunga notched their scores with conversions.

See CORNJERKERS on other side



The Hoopeston Area-Armstrong-Potomac football team, below, ride atop firetrucks during the annual Homecoming parade Friday. Right, Makenzie Tate and Justin Jones were crowned Homecoming queen and king.

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Former Hoopeston resident sentenced to 14 years in IDOC

A former Hoopeston man was sentenced Tuesday to 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to predatory criminal sexual assault.

During the plea, Circuit Judge Charles Hall heard evidence that Richard Ingram was the paramour to the nine-year-old victim's mother, according to a press release from Jacqueline Lacy, Vermilion County State's Attorney.

In 2019, the mother, while dying and unable to care for her child, entrusted Ingram to watch the victim. Ingram took advantage of the victim while he was in a position of trust and authority and touched the sex organ of the victim in summer 2019.

Ingram must serve 85 percent of his sentence and register as a sex offender for life. After his sentence, Ingram will serve a period of mandatory supervised release (parole) for a period to be determined by the Illinois Department of Corrections. That period ranges from three years to natural life.

"Sexual predators who prey on the children of Vermilion County will not be tolerated and my office will do everything in our power to ensure that such despicable transgressors are brought to justice and that our children are kept safe," Lacy said in the release. "We are grateful for the victim's bravery in this case and his cooperation with the investigation."

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, special meeting, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library, to determine if a person should be barred from school premises pursuant to the Illinois School Code. The board will then hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m. also in high school library. The board will immediately go into closed session. The public portion of the meeting will follow.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be October 21.

This is for current and past breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster (815) 984-4040 or

Cornjerkers continued from other side

Colunga led the field with 12 tackles, 96 rushing yards and a fumble recovery.

Sophomore Kolin Asbury had seven tackles and a sack, with Cannon and Zamora at six tackles each.

The win brings the Cornjerkers to a 5-3 season overall and 3-1 in the Vermilion Valley Conference. The team goes on the road Friday, taking on Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin.

During halftime of Friday's contest, Homecoming royalty was crowned. Makenzie Tate was named queen, with Justin Jones as king. Other candidates were Payton Armstrong, Allie Pickett and Emily Ray for queen and, for king, Ben Brown, Abel Colunga, and Nick Hofer.

(309) 208-9829.

Volunteers needed for Light work

It's time to put up the Christmas lights. Volunteers are needed for Lights in the Park at 8 a.m. October 29 and/or 30 to put up Christmas displays in McFerren Park. Lunch will be served. Gather at the park maintenance building.

Tire collection

A free tire collection for Hoopeston residents will be held at 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at McFerren Park Annex. Enter on South Ninth Ave. off West Elm. For car and truck tires only.

Those unable to come that day or who have no way to get tires to the collection are asked to call Ald. Kellie Ferrell, (217) 597-5760 with number of tires before November 6.

Anyone willing to volunteer to help pick up tires before collection day, please contact Ferrell.

Obituaries

MORGAN - Bobbie Jene Morgan, 35, of Potomac, died at 7:38 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. memorial service Monday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. She was cremated. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 69. Tonight, cloudy. Low 48. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 67, low 40.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

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Looking for a great job in the medical field? Interested in natural healthcare? Busy chiropractic office needs a team-oriented person with good customer service and phone skills. Candidate will be trained to assist with patient care. Robinson Chiropractic has 4 locations in Illinois: Danville, Hoopeston, Westville, and Watseka. Please send resume to trina.keller@robchiro.com.

Breakfast cook. Waitresses, Kitchen help needed. Apply in person at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley, 719 W. Elm, Hoopeston.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING! New starting wage is \$18/hour. Full-time positions with benefits and part-time positions available for 1st and 2nd shifts. Apply at www.full-fill.com/employment-opportunities Applications available onsite. EOE

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Fall for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston. For more information call 217/888-0164.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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