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DACC HLC works to remove obstacles to equivalency diploma

Sometimes bad choices can have a long-lasting negative effect on someone's life. The decision to drop out of high school is one that often leads to lower paying jobs, lack of advancement and years of struggling to make ends meet. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, those who quit school but go on to earn their GED out-earn those who don't by more than \$10,000 annually.

The DACC Higher Learning Center (HLC) in Hoopeston is removing as many barriers as possible for area residents to take the General Education Development (GED) test. "We have more options now than ever to offer classes and instruction in a way that meets the individual needs of students," said HLC Director Karla Coon. Those options include:

- GED high school equivalency prep classes are offered by DACC at the Hoopeston center at no charge to the students.
- Flexibility of instruction, with students able to choose in-person or online classes and class times, with morning and evening sessions in Hoopeston. Monday and Wednesday classes are set from 6-8:30 p.m., with morning classes from 9 a.m. - noon Mondays through Thursdays.
- Individual tutoring is available, if needed.
- The HLC computer lab is available to students at flexible times.

- Discounts are currently available for the GED test. By using the code ILSAVE20, students can earn their GED for just \$40 for all four tests, which normally cost \$120.
- Students may choose either the GED or HiSet test format. HiSet is offered mainly because it offers a paper test for students who lack confidence in their computer skills.

Additionally, Coon said, DACC can help students create a vision for their educational and career goals. The 2023 job market in central Illinois is full of opportunities, she said, adding students can pursue training to earn program certificates in many fields and get a good paying job close to home.

See **DIPLOMA** on other side

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Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Builders Club, 3:30 Thursday. For kids of all ages. Fun with Legos: free building, challenges, buddy builds, theme building and more!

HPL is welcoming seeds from local gardeners for its Seed Library. Seeds should be clean, dry and clearly labeled with type, variety and any special growing instructions. Flower or vegetable seeds from last fall are being accepted.

City Chat with Mayor Jeff Wise, 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

HMA activities

Moms, come meet other moms and their children

Sports

Basketball

Hoopeston Area freshman team was defeated Monday by Salt Fork by the score of 28-18.

Brayden Walder led the Cornjerkers with eight points, Keenon Anderson and Cole Miller finished with four points each. Zach Huchel rounded the scoring with two.

Hoopeston Area varsity dropped one to Iroquois West, 58-50, Tuesday night. Preston VanDeVeer led the Cornjerkers with 14 points, Owen Root 10, Ethan Steiner with six, Trenton Montez six, Kendrick Sigerill four, Wyatt Eisenmann four, Mason Rush three and Anthony Zamora three.

The JV game went into overtime where the Cornjerkers were defeated, 27-25. Brayden Walder had a great opportunity to tie the game at the buzzer, but the ball just didn't fall in.

Walder was the leading scorer with eight points, Zach Huchel seven, Dylan Judy five, Bricyn Jones four, and Cole Miller finished with one point.

The Cornjerkers will travel to Armstrong-Potomac on Friday.

Court Dispositions

December 14

Kyle L. Justice, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, status hearing January 11.

Brian K. Swinford, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing, status hearing January 11.

at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month. For information, call/text Somer at (309) 242-5017.

For more information, stop by 206 S. First Ave. or call (217) 283-5544.

Sweetheart Banquet

Reservations are being accepting until February 6 for the 30th annual Senior Citizens Sweetheart Banquet. The event will begin at 1 p.m. February 10 in the high school gymnasium.

The dine-in banquet will include a meal of roast pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cake and beverage. There will be no carry-out orders. Entertainment will also be provided by HAHS students.

For reservations, call (217) 283-6661 with your name and number in your party by February 6.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring some-one to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or

Resident reminders

Hoopeston residents are reminded that blue garbage totes are to be placed five feet away from vehicles, buildings and each other to allow trucks to pick up quickly and safely.

Diploma continued from other side

Having taught at Hoopeston Area High School since 2012, Glenn Brewer has seen students drop out and the struggles that they go through. He is teaching GED classes at the Higher Learning Center, and Coon is thankful to have him.

"Many people who inquire about enrolling in GED express fear of the math portion of the class and the exam," she said. People are encouraged to study and test first in the areas in which they are more confident, "but that math keeps some from even starting. This is one reason why I am thankful to have Glenn teaching for us, since math is his area of expertise."

Brewer said the GED process is not quick and it requires lots of time. Since the test covers material learned in grades K-12, students should expect to dedicate time outside of class, Coon said.

By having classes in Hoopeston and flexible schedul-

From the Blotter

Analayh Zarate, 24, of Cissna Park, was arrested at 3:42 p.m. Monday at North Fourth St. and East McCracken A computer check showed her to have a suspended license. She was charged with that offense, along with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with expired registration.

Zarate was taken to the police station, where she was charged and released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Samuel D. Snyder, 57, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police responded at 9:39 p.m. Monday to a vehicle off the roadway in the 400 block of West Thompson.

Police reported Snyder, who was the driver of the vehicle, was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol. He was charged with that offense, as well as driving while license revoked, aggravated DUI (revoked), and failure to reduce speed.

He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Iroquois County Sheriff's Police reported that Kalena C. Creekmore, 20, of Milford, was arrested Tuesday. She was charged with DUI/alcohol, speeding 26-34 miles per hour above the posted limit and operating a vehicle with only one taillight.

She was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she was released on bond

ing, both he and Coon hope more people will take advantage of the opportunity to improve their lives.

Daytime GED classes are available from Mondays-Thursdays, February 6 to March 9 or March 13 to May 11.

Evening classes are being offered Mondays and Wednesdays from February 6 to May 1.

For more information, call the Higher Learning Center, call (217) 283-4170 or 217-283-4171 or Danville Area Community College at (217) 433-DACC.

Weather

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