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Scores of area guests turned out for last Friday's Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet, sponsored by Hoopeston Area High School Student Council. The event included dinner, fellowship and music by the school's choral and band students. See related photo on other side.

High school Sweetheart Banquet turns 30 with large crowd

The sponsor for Hoopeston Area High School's Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet worried that after a two-year COVID-imposed hiatus, turnout might be low. She needn't have worried at all.

The event hosted 160 seniors who made reservations, said Ashley Gondzur, sponsor of the school's Student Council, which hosts the event.

"It was a great event and we were so glad to bring it back after not being able to have it for the past two years," said Gondzur, who is an HAHS English teacher. "It's definitely our favorite!"

See BANQUET on other side

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Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Citizens Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, city hall. Agenda items include updates from previous meetings, toddler area at park, geese control, skate jam at McFerren Park, community outreach and community concern discussion.

Full agenda and Zoom link at cityofhoopeston.com.

Presidents' Day closings

There will be no bulk garbage event Saturday at city hall. The next bulk garbage day will be March 4.

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Hoopeston City Hall administrative offices will be closed Monday. Hoopeston Police Department will be open

Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Monday and will reopen with regular hours Tuesday.

At the library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Sports

Basketball

Hoopeston Area defeated Chrisman, 63-32, in home action Tuesday.

Preston VanDeVeer led the Cornjerkers with 22 points, followed by Anthony Zamora with 15., Ethan Steiner and Owen Root each had 10 points and Kendrick Sigerill and Wyatt Eisenman each had two.

Zamora led the team with eight rebounds and Root had the team high with eight assists.

The win puts the Cornjerkers at 17-13 for the season and 8-4 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

The JV team was defeated, 47-39. Brayden Walder had 13, Dylan Judy and Zach Huchel each had 10 points. Cole Miller had five points and Athan Linares had one free-throw.

JV finished with five wins on the year, but showed great improvement this season. The coaching staff can't wait to start working with them individually this summer. If they continue to improve this off-season the future will be good.

Ball signups

Signups for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons have been announced.

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold signups Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 5-7 p.m. and Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26 from 1-3 p.m., at Hoopeston City Hall.

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold signups on Saturdays, February 18 and 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sundays February 19 and 26 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 112 Wine & Coffee Shop.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 30. Tonight, clear. Low 20. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy. High 46, low 34. Sunday, mostly sunny, breezy. High 51, low 32.

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

Treeclimbers Genealogy Group, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. For experienced or beginner genealogists.

Littles @ the Library will not be held Tuesday.

Kids STEAM Lab, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Next week's activity is Chalk Art.

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.



Hoopeston Area School Supt. Robert Richardson scoops mashed potatoes on a tray held by Cafeteria Manager Tina Samet, as Linda Walsh looks on. The trio were working to feed guests for last week's Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet.

Banquet continued from other side

The event was held in the newly-constructed middle school cafeteria, "and it worked out really well," she said.

Robin Peterson, the school's new music teacher, helped coordinate entertainment with nine songs from student soloists and the high school chorus.

This year's dinner marked the 30th anniversary of the event. "Many of the students who helped this year are second generation helpers because their parents helped with the event when they were in high school," Gondzur said.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:21 p.m. Wednesday for the smell of gas in the 600 block of East McNeil. The department cleared without incident.

Classifieds

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Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring Machine Operators, \$18/hr. Apply at www.full-fill.com. Applications available onsite. EOE

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