



All-you-can-eat Whole hog sausage available \$2/lb, bulk or patties



Seafood Dinner 1st & 3rd Fridays Hoopeston VFW

Frog legs, fish, smelt 3-8 p.m. \$5.50/dinner, combo plates \$6.50 Includes cole slaw & baked beans





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# Former state senator loses job given by George Ryan

New Books at the Library

adult)

Gifts to Make

Fodor's London

Christmas Comfort & Joy

Let's Roll! By Lisa Beamer

Former State Sen. Judy Myers is out of a job. On Tuesday, Gov. Rod Blagojevich gave notices of termination to 35 employees who were given lastminute appointments by former Gov. George Ryan. Myers, who formerly represented this area, re-

Myers, who formerly represented this area, resigned her senate seat to accept a \$75,000-a-year job as liaison between the University of Illinois and Department of Agriculture. Myers lost a bid for reelection; her term was to expire Jan. 7.

According to Wednesday's edition of the News-Gazette, Myers' new job was to be protected for four

The Three E's to Entertaining by Leannah P. Holland

Not So Big Solutions for Your Home by Sarah

Oh My Goodness!: Childhood's End by Kosuke Fu-

Ultimate Spider-Man by Bill Jemas (youth/young

Kill the Craving by Joseph Santoro

Topiary Basics by Margherita Lombardi

Recipes We Grem Up With

jishima (youth/young adult)

years after Ryan changed the probationary period for such appointments from six months to 30 days.

Blagojevich said he believes the probationary period was changed illegally and that all appointments made are voided.

Myers had no comment on the change, the paper reported.

Blagojevich did not rule out hiring former Ryan appointees, saying they could apply for positions within his administration but that possibility seems unlikely, the paper said.

Tribulation Force by Tim LaHaye (youth/young adult)

Starman by James Robinson (youth/young adult)

Traditional Country Crafts by Miranda Innes

Christmas in Plains by Jimmy Carter

Among the Heroes by Jere Longman



# Classifieds

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# ObituariesBECKNER -Ramona A. Beckner, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003 at CarleFriday<br/>to No<br/>marckFoundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will<br/>be 2 p.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.<br/>Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will<br/>be 5-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before servicesFriday<br/>to No<br/>marck<br/>BU'<br/>Hooped<br/>at Ma

### Police News

Non-fiction:

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**Jennifer L. Downing,** 42, of 2nd North St., Wellington, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:06 a.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of North Market.

Downing was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, blood alcohol level over .08, a stop sign violation and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

She was released on her driver's license and \$100 cash bond.

Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Northside Church of Christ, P.O. Box 199, Bismarck, IL 61814 or a charity of the donor's choice.

**BUTCHER** - Robert G. "Bobby" Butcher, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003 at Magnolia Wood Healthcare Center, Watseka. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Danville, Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Church of the Nazarene, Hoopeston.

## Weather

Occasional snow today. High 22. Tonight, flurries. Low 10. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 22, low 10.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston** Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.