



You be the star! Karaoke Contest Pla-Mor Lanes

\$500 1st

\$250 2nd

Contest dates: Jan. 16 Jan 23 Jan. 30 Feb. 6 Feb. 13 Finals Feb. 20

Karaoke starts 8:30 p.m. for all datesYou must be present and sing 3 of the 5

contest dates. You will be judged on vocals, appearance & performance.

The decision of the judges is final. 719 W. Elm, Hoopeston (217) 283-5195

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Hoopeston woman honored for service, promoting tourism

Early Wednesday morning, Dolores Crabtree was baking biscuits at the Hoopeston McDonald's. Later that morning, she was collecting awards for promoting the community.

Crabtree received an honorable mention at the Rose Awards ceremony in Danville. The awards are sponsored by the Vermilion County Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The award recognizes excellence in the areas of hospitality, tourism and promotion of the community, said

Sara Rhodes, manager of the Hoopeston McDonald's, who nominated Crabtree for her work with the Hoopeston Jaycees, the National Sweetcorn Festival and the National Sweetheart Pageant.

Crabtree received a certificate, roses and a handbag full of items from Danville area businesses.

And although she was being honored, Crabtree did not stop promoting Hoopeston tourism. Rhodes said Crabtree asked a couple attendees for business cards which she plans to use for next year's festival, Rhodes said.

— Briefly

Correction

The telephone number for a mothers' support group at the Christian Church was incorrect in Tuesday's issue. The correct number is 283-6691.

GED Review

Free GED review classes will be held starting Feb. 9 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency and Hoopeston Area High School.

Classes will meet from 4-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., and 6:30-9 p.m. at the high school, 615 E. Orange.

Registration may be done the first night of class or at the Multi Agency before Feb. 9.

For more information, call Gene Hanson, (217) 283-5785 or the Multi Agency, 283-5544.

BILY

The BILY (Because I Love You), a parent support group, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

"Because I Love You" is a parent support group designed to help parents whose children (of all ages) have behavior problems, including attitude, substance abuse, irregular school attendance/poor grades, physical/verbal

abuse, running away, curfew and other forms of defiance of authority. For more information, call the Multi Agency (217) 283-5544.

Show choirs to compete

Hoopeston Area Show Choirs will perform in competition at the Danville High School Midwest Classic this weekend.

The middle school "Cornjerker Connection" is scheduled to perform on Friday, February 6 at 8:35 p.m. with the awards given at 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

The high school "New Direction" is set to perform at 1 p.m. Saturday. Finals are at 6:55 p.m. with the awards at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/senior citizens for each session.

Tickets for both sessions is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students/senior citizens.

Tiny Tots

"Dandy Candy" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

5 Family Garage Sale

208 N. Market, Hoopeston (Huckleby's Auction)

Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-5



Thursday is \$1 beer night at V.F.W.

Corner of Fourth Ave. & Orange, Hoopeston



Taco Shell

is now open for **Breakfast!**

Winter warm-up Special

2 eggs, 2 sausage or 3 bacon strips, hash browns & toast **\$2.22** (Price good thru end of February) Breakfast Taco 99¢

Biscuits & Gravy \$1.49/half, \$2.49/full Small coffee & doughnut 99¢

Big Burrito just \$2.99
Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day 10% discount - restaurant only
Restaurant open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon-Sat
Sun. 10 a.m-8 p.m.
Gas station open 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily



Hoopeston Lions Club Pancake & Sausage Day

Saturday, Feb. 7
Hoopeston American Legion
Adults \$4 Under 6 free
Whole hog sausage available. \$2/lb. bulk or patties

Attention retirees or others interested in supplementing their income...

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is currently recruiting for a Weekend Resident Assistant to work on our Country Terrace -Independent Living Apartment Complex. This position is normally scheduled to work Saturday & Sunday from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Resident Assistant works with other Country Terrace employee(s) in providing activities, assisting residents at meal time, housekeeping and other needed duties. Position may also assist in showing apartments and completing any necessary paperwork for the residents or interested parties. Availability to cover during other employees' absences & vacations a real plus. This position requires someone with excellent customer service skills and the ability to relate well with the residents and other potential customers. This is a great position for a retiree or someone wanting to supplement their income.

If you are interested in applying and you have at least one, preferably more weekends available each month, please stop by Hoopeston Regional Health Center at 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston, to fill out an application.

Obituaries

LONGFELLOW - Lorene E. "Gyke" Longfellow, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004 at home. Arrangements are pending at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

LUDWIG - Harry J. "Jim" Ludwig, 87, of Hoop-

eston, died at 12:35 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Sat-

urday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942 or Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.



Police News

A set of car keys was found Tuesday in the 100 block of East Main. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Police are investigating a burglary which occurred the evening of Feb. 1 or 2 at McMurray Insurance, 201 E. Main. A set of postal scales was taken.

DACC to present program from St. Louis bird sanctuary

Danville Area Community College will host a program presented by the Office of Wildlife Learning World Bird Sanctuary of St. Louis. It will be held at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Mary Miller Gymnasium

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

Watercolor Journeys: Create Your Own Travel Sketchbook by Richard Schilling

American Expressionism by Bram Dijkstra

Audrey Hepburn, an Elegant Spirit by Sean Hepburn Ferrer

The Treasury of Family Games: Hundreds of Fun Games for All Ages, Complete with Rules and Strategies by Jim Glenn

In Montgomery...and Other Poems by Gwendolyn Brooks

The World Bird Sanctuary, located near St. Louis, Missouri, has a captive breeding program of endangered birds, rehabilitates injured birds, and conducts many avian field studies. The sanctuary educates over 2.5 million people across the country on bird characteristics, behaviors, and habitats. This interesting and informative program is free of charge and should appeal to people of all ages. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the program, contact John Hoagland, Science Instructor at DACC at 554-1581, or Janet Redenbaugh at 443-8806 or 443-8805.

Weather



Snow, sleet today. Accumulation of 3"-5". High 29. Tonight, wintry mix. Low 23. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 29, low 16.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

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VEHICLES FOR SALE

7.5' Meyer snowplow. Needs controls. 1984 Buick Century. \$800 OBO. (217) 283-4453.

1999 Ford Windstar van. 45,000 miles, good condition, clean. Asking \$7,700. (217) 283-9525.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!