

## LORRAINE THEATRE

Screen 1:

**"Meet the Fockers"** (PG-13)

7:30 p.m. nightly; 3:30 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Screen 2:

**"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events"** (PG)

7 p.m. nightly; 3 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Closed Christmas Eve,  
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## North Fork Conservation



**Will not be held Friday**

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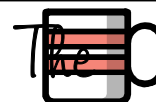
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## Lines being drawn in battle over holiday that was Christmas

Maybe the Grinch Who Stole Christmas is not a fictional character after all.

In a world that has become more and more Politically Correct, any reference to Christmas has become increasingly taboo. Rather than wish the traditional "Merry Christmas," to customers, many stores now have clerks wish them "happy



**Second Cup**  
by LOURDINE FLOREK

holidays" and schools are having "winter concerts" (many devoid of Christmas music) and "winter breaks" instead of the old-fashioned Christmas concerts and breaks. How many people do you know who actually celebrate winter?

Schools in Plano, Tex., went so far as to ban students from wearing red and green, saying those are Christmas colors. For "winter break" parties, white napkins and plates were suggested to keep any hint of Christmas out of the events.

Even at our own University of Illinois, Christmas trees have been banned from dormitories in an ever-increasing effort to promote diversity.

It seems everyone's belief systems and values are ok except that of those trying to celebrate Christmas. And if anyone complains, they're told they're being intolerant.

Now, one could argue that in these days of mass merchandising, it's hard to find even a hint of "Christ" in Christmas but, that point aside, what is the problem?

Those who would ban all mention of religion from schools cite the separation of church and state. However, this country was founded, in part, by people in search of religious freedom and that freedom of religion does not equal freedom from religion.

In the name of tolerance, many Christians have accepted these affronts without reply. The crèches were taken from municipal buildings and not much was said. Talk of religion was removed from schools and again, the Christians stayed silent.

This year, however, some Christians are speaking out, demanding to be heard and going so far as



## She's been nice

Eight-year-old Jaidi Gossett of Hoopeston smiles with Santa at the annual Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce Christmas luncheon last month. Jaidi will find out tonight if Santa remembers what she wants for Christmas.

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A promotional graphic for a karaoke event. On the left, a cartoon illustration of a man with brown hair and a mustache, wearing a white shirt and brown pants, is singing into a blue microphone. He is holding a black cord. To his left is a blue vintage-style television on a stand. Above him are three purple musical notes. The background is white with a thin black border. The text is arranged as follows: 'Karaoke' in large, bold, black letters at the top; '9-1 Friday' and 'No cover!' in black text below it; 'BJ's Pump' in large, bold, black letters with a red fire pump icon to its right; and 'Bar & Package Liquor Store' and '1023 W. Main, Hoopeston (217) 283-5700' in black text at the bottom.

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***Hubbard Trail Country Club***  
***New Year's Eve Special***  
2 rib eye dinners  
2 drinks  
**\$30**  
Illini Party in the Bar

A graphic of a champagne bottle with a green label and a red bow, spraying out a stream of yellow stars and red sparkles, symbolizing a New Year's celebration.

**Just the Facts**  
will not be printed

Monday, Dec. 27.

Publication will resume

## Brian Manion receives law license, joins father's local firm

Brian Manion received his law license from Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman on Nov. 4 in Springfield.

His father, Hoopeston attorney Paul Manion, was one of the speakers at the ceremony.

Manion graduated from Hoopes-ton Area High School in 1997 and received his bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Illinois in 2001. He graduated cum laude from the Southern Illinois University College of Law in May and successfully completed the Illinois Bar Examination in July.

Manion served on the editorial board of the SIU Law Journal and received the Best Case Note award for his article received the Hank Hannah Agriculture received the SIU Alumni Association and his father also co-authored a book that will be published this Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Manion has joined the firm of Manion, De-

to file lawsuits seeking to protect the religious nature  
Christmas.

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***Christmas*** continued from Page 1

For example, the U.S. Department of Justice is looking into the Plano, Tex., affair after attorneys for the Alliance Defense Fund and Liberty Legal Institute filed suit against the Plano Independent School District for its restrictive policy against religious Christmas. A local judge issued an injunction and the school district claimed it changed its policy.

In Washington state, a woman fed up with the downgrading of Christmas sent her son to school with a



**Brian Manion, left, is congratulated by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman for receiving his law license. Also pictured is Manion's father, Hoopston attorney Paul Manion. The younger Manion received his license Nov. 4.**

vens, McFetridge, Spiros & Schum, Ltd., with offices in Hoopeston, Danville, Champaign and Kankakee. The firm now has eight full-time attorneys.

He now has regular office hours in the firm's Hoopeston office.

Manion resides in Danville with his wife, Ingrid, who is pursuing a masters degree in social work at

cake decorated with “Happy Birthday Jesus.” School officials allowed the treat.

The standoff between non-Christians (estimated in 2002 as 18 percent of the population) and Christians over Christmas is expected by some to wend its way to the U.S. Supreme Court for a final decision.

In the meantime, carols that have become a part of both the religious and secular celebrations of Christmas will go unsung and a merry, joyous day will become bah humbug. Peace on Earth, goodwill towards men will have to wait for another day.

We need to find that Grinch and make him

## New Arrivals



Angie and Joe Fenstermacher are proud to announce the birth of their son, Braden Reed Fenstermacher. He was born at 11:13 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, weighing in at 7 lb., 2 oz., and was 20" long.

He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Russell and Glenda Reed and Uncle Ryan of Hoopes-

*Briefly*

## Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots will not be held until after the new year.

## Food for Fines

The Hoopston Public Library will accept items for the Grant Township Food Cupboard through the month of December.

Personal care items are needed, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap and hand lotion.

The library will also accept food and paper prod-

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USDA Inspected Western Style

**Pork Ribs.....\$1.49/lb.**  
BBQ, Lemon Pepper or Teriyaki

**Smithfield Boneless Marinated Pork Loins..... \$2.99/lb.**  
USDA Angus Choice Beef

**T-Bone Steaks..... \$5.99/lb.**

**Emge Half Hams.....\$2.99/lb.**

**Fresh Ground Round..... \$2.19/lb.**  
Premium Center Cut

**Pork Chops..... \$1.99/lb.**

### Grocery Dept.

12 Pack, 12 oz. Cans

**Coca-Cola Products or 7-Up & Dr Pepper .....3/\$9**  
87-100 oz., Liquid or Powder, Assorted Varieties

**Tide Laundry Detergent .....\$5.99**  
Pre-priced \$2.99

**Lays Chips .....Buy 1 get 1 FREE**

**Pringles 5.11-6 oz., Assorted Varieties..... 4/\$4**  
15.6-16 oz, Corn, Rice or Wheat

**Chex Cereal.....2/\$5**  
25.7-26 oz., Assorted Varieties

**Prego Spaghetti Sauce.....3/\$4**

### Produce Dept.

5 lb. Bag

**Dole Russet Potatoes..... 99¢**

*The employees of Price Less Foods wish you & your family a very happy & prosperous New Year!*

**We will be closed Christmas Day**

**Fresh Green Cabbage..... 4 lbs./\$1**

**Green Giant Mini Carrots 1 lb. bag 99¢ ea.**  
3 lb. bag

**All Purpose Yellow Onions..... 99¢ ea.**

### Dairy Dept.

**Prairie Farms Cottage Cheese 16 oz. 99¢**  
8-16 oz., Assorted Varieties

**Parkay Margarine..... 89¢**  
12 oz., Pre-Priced \$2.29

**Kraft Velveeta Slices.....\$1.99**  
64 oz., Assorted Varieties

**Minute Maid Orange Juice..... 2/\$5**  
16 oz, Assorted Varieties

**Kraft Chip Dips..... 2/\$3**

### Frozen Dept.

9-10.9 oz., Assorted Varieties

**Totino's Pizza ..... 6/\$5**  
28-32 oz., Assorted Varieties Banquet

**Chicken Nuggets or Tenders..... \$4.99**  
4 Quart, Assorted Varieties

**Family Pak Ice Cream..... \$3.99**

### Deli Dept.

**Eckrich or Kahn's Honey Ham \$3.99/lb**


**Eckrich Corned Beef or Roast Beef..... \$4.99/lb.**

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## Police News




A 43-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Wednesday that someone took cash from her purse while she was at work. The theft occurred in the 700 block of East Orange.

Shane E. McCarty, 28, of 405 Front, turned himself in to police at 7:39 p.m. Wednesday.


McCarty, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/rule to show cause, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Harold C. Blackwell, 70, of 426 N. Fourth St., was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident at 4:47 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said Blackwell, in a 1985 Chrysler, failed to yield at Main and Market and hit a 1984 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Craig J. Vyhnanek of Hoopeston. Blackwell then allegedly left the scene.



## New Books at the Library



### Fiction

Double Play by Robert B. Parker

A Tapestry of Hope by Tracie Peterson (inspirational)

Together is All We Need by Michael Phillips (inspirational)

The Paid Companion by Amanda Quick

The Healing Time of Hickeys by Karen Rivers (young adult)

Hidden Prey by John Sandford

Shadowmancer by G.P. Taylor (young adult)

Good Grief: a Novel by Lolly Winston

Gundam Seed by Hajime Yatate (young adult)

### Non-Fiction

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Teaching the Restless: One School's Remarkable No-Ritalin Approach to Helping Children Learn and Succeed by Chris Mercogliano

Cremation in America by Fred Rosen


NCLEX-RN Exam, 2004-2005 edition by Barbara J. Irwin

Early Puberty in Girls: the Essential Guide to Coping With This Common Problem by Paul Bernard Kaplowitz

Trans Fats, the Hidden Killer in Our Food by Judith Shaw

Surviving the Desert by Gregory J. Davenport

## Lunch Menus



**CRIS/SAMS meals**

MONDAY: Ham slice, sweet potato patties, lettuce/dressing, white bread, pear halves.


TUESDAY: Country fried steak, whole buttered potatoes, California blen vegetables, wheat bread, ginger-bread/powdered sugar.

WEDNESDAY: Red beans & rice w/sausage, cabbage, carrots, mixed fruit, white bread.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, potatoes/cheese, mixed vegetables, grape juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Closed for New Year's Eve.

## Weather



Cold today. High 5. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low -6. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 17, low 5. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 27, low 22. Monday, partly cloudy. High 35, low 30.

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

# Classifieds

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