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Hoopeston Public Library sponsors operatic performance



Baritone Shon Sims performs an aria from Rossini's Cinderella for area residents Monday at the Hoopeston Public Library. Sims is among others performing the opera in Watseka.

Libraries are usually thought of as quiet places but for lunch Monday, the Hoopeston Public Library served up a generous helping of bass and baritone voices.

Matthew Lau, bass, and Shon Sims, baritone, performed arias from Rossini's *Cinderella (La Cenerentola)*.

The men are among those who will perform the opera Aug. 5-7 during the third annual Sugar Creek Symphony and Song in Watseka.

Stage director Kristine McIntyre set the stage for the performances, relating information on the opera and its composer. Rossini began writing at 14. One of his op-

eras was performed by the time he was 18 and by the time he was 21, Rossini had composed 21 operas. "He was a really great comic composer," McIntyre said.

Rossini, probably best-known for his 1824 composition *William Tell*, decided to retire at age 37 but not before putting his own spin on the famed fairy tale.

In Rossini's opera, there is no wicked step mother, no magic. "In fact, there's not even a glass slipper," McIntyre said. "It was considered a little too racy on stage to show a female foot." Instead, Cinderella gives her prince a bracelet that matches one she keeps.

Lau plays Magnifico, Cinderella's father. It is a role he performed with the Kentucky Opera and Lake George Opera. He has

also sung in the Washington Concert Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and New York City Opera. The New York resident is originally from Michigan City, Ind.

Sims performs as the prince's valet, Dandini. Sims was born in East Texas, lived in New York for a decade and now resides in New Orleans, La.

Accompanying the vocalists on keyboard was Emily Jarrell-Urbanek of North Carolina.

Tickets for Cinderella range from \$25-70 and are available from Travel Discoveries in Watseka, (815) 432-6121, by email at tickets@sugarcreekfestival.org or

See CINDERELLA on other side

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Police News



A 25-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone let the air out of both driver's side tires of his vehicle and scratched words on the driver's door. The damage occurred in the 600 block of North Fifth St.

A cell phone was found Tuesday at Euclid and Penn.

The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Police reported Wednesday that a machine at McFerren Park containing sports drinks was broken into and the drinks taken.



Sparks in the Park Committee thanks the following for making the event a success:



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WMD winners

July winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Darlene Medler and Sharon Dixon; \$15, Nathan Alt and Mary Ann Kaufman; and \$10, Ruth Drollinger and Linda Martin.

Obituaries

MERRITT—Robert D. Merritt, 73, of Rossville died at 2:48 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Arrangements were incomplete at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

TULL—Tyler Patrick William Tull, infant son of Thomas E. Tull and Nichole E. Longest of Hoopeston, died at 5:49 a.m. Sunday, July 24, 2005 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Sunset Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cinderella continued from other side

through Ticket Web at www.ticketweb.com or by phone at (866) 468-3401. Performance times are 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Glenn Raymond Auditorium, 101 W. Mulberry.

On Saturday, singers will rest but an evening symphony will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday in the auditorium. Tickets are \$15-\$35.

Other events scheduled for the weekend include and art fair Taste at Sugar Creek Symphony and Song from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Old Courthouse Museum, 103 W. Cherry.

For more information, contact executive director John Whitman at (917) 304-7015 or email jwhitman@sugarcreekfestival.org.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 83, low 61.

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

Sports physical clinic

A sports physical clinic will be held from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center. No appointment is necessary. Cost is \$15. For information prior to the physical, call the medical center, 283-5644.

Classifieds

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