

It's the savin' o' some green!

**\$7 off** Full Service Oil Change

10W30, 5W30 or 5W20 w/coupon. Expires 3/31/17

**Hoopeston Express Lube**



Rtes. 1 & 9, Hoopeston  
(217) 283-5373

[www.quicklube4u.com](http://www.quicklube4u.com)

## HOOPESTON ROCK SERVICE

DRIVEWAY & PARKING LOT GRADING  
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL  
NEW DRIVEWAY INSTALLATION  
ROCK & DIRT

**DAN SHEEHAN**

**217-304-5052**

[www.hoopestonrockgrading.com](http://www.hoopestonrockgrading.com)

AUTO | HOME | LIFE | BUSINESS | RETIREMENT



### Puzzled by IRAs?

You're not alone! But don't miss out on the opportunity to put this powerful tool to work for your future retirement. I can help you decide whether an IRA makes sense for your situation. Call me to find out more.



**Sandie Smith**

Financial Representative

309 E. Main St.  
Hoopeston IL 60942-1504  
[sandie.smith@countryfinancial.com](mailto:sandie.smith@countryfinancial.com)  
(217) 283-4144

Auto, home and business insurance policies issued by COUNTRY Mutual Insurance, COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company (P) and COUNTRY Casualty Insurance. Life insurance policies issued by COUNTRY Life Insurance Company (R) and COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company. Fixed annuities issued by COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company. All issuing companies located in Bloomington, IL. Registered Broker/Dealer, offering securities products and services: COUNTRY Capital Management Company, 1705 Towanda Avenue, P.O. Box 2222, Bloomington, IL 61701-2222, tel. (866) 551-0060. Member FINRA and SIPC. Annuities issued by COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company, Bloomington, IL. Investment management, retirement and trust and planning services provided by COUNTRY Trust Bank.

**Not FDIC insured**

No Bank Guarantee  
May Lose Value

0415 548HC - 23540 - 12302136

Email:

[publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net)

# Just the Facts

Phone/Fax: (217) 283-9348

Lourdine Florek, Owner

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

*Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!*

P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942

[www.justthefacts.net](http://www.justthefacts.net)

### From the Blotter

**Police are investigating** a report of counterfeit currency made at 10:21 p.m. Thursday. An employee of Pizza King, 605 W. Penn, reported the business received a fake \$50 bill.

**Deborah K. Stumpe**, 48, of Milford, was arrested after police were called at 2:07 p.m. Thursday to Global Fashions, 305 E. Main. She was charged with retail theft, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stumpe was taken to the Public Safety Building in

Danville to await arraignment.

A **25-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 5:11 p.m. Thursday that someone took items from his home in the 800 block of East Orange.

**Two Hoopeston teens** were arrested after police were called at 5:29 p.m. Saturday about a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of East Young.

Frankie Arce and Jonathan Goodrum, both 18, were each cited for possession of cannabis and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

## Small Business Development Center seeks award nominees

The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Danville Area Community College is seeking nominations from the business community, the leading community and the public to recognize the critical contributions of the Vermilion County Area's entrepreneurs. To recognize accomplishments at all stages of business growth, awards will be given in four categories.

**Small Business of the Year** - A small business (in business 2 years or more) that has successfully passed the initial start-up phase and has accomplished expansion goals.

**Small Business Start-Up of the Year** - A small business (in business less than two years) that has successfully created a business plan, obtained financing and opened their doors.

**Entrepreneur of the Year** - A small business owner who has distinguished themselves by achieving a business goal or by overcoming adversity to continue their business operation.

**Legacy Business of the Year** - A small business that has operated successfully for 10 years or more.

To nominate a business for one of this year's awards,

send an email to [sbdc@dacc.edu](mailto:sbdc@dacc.edu) with information about your nominee by Friday, March 10 at 5 pm. If you prefer to mail in your nomination, forms are available at [www.dacc.edu/sbdc](http://www.dacc.edu/sbdc).

### Briefly

#### Card shower

Lila Leigh has moved into her new apartment at Autumn Fields. Let's help her feel right at home by sending her cards! They may be sent to Lila Leigh, 325 E. Orange St., Room 309, Hoopeston IL 60942.

#### WMD winners

February winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$50, Save the Lorraine; \$30, Trish Walter; and \$20, Blessings in a Backpack.

#### At the library

**Coffee and Coloring**, 10-11 a.m. Monday. An adults only activity, supplies are provided or bring your own.

**Mary Hartwell Catherwood Book Club**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday. Book is "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler.



## Little Ninjas Karate

Learn Focus, Meet Friends, Have Fun

Classes starting now!

Ages 4-6 yr. old.

**\$30 for your first month** (includes uniform)

**Okinawan School of Karate**



208 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL

217-772-1962



### Is your computer on the frit-z?

Is it crashing regularly, or worse yet, will it not boot up at all? Is it making strange noises that keep you up at night with worry? We will come to your aid!

Service all makes and models, upgrades, or custom built new one, to fit your needs.



We make housecalls upon request!

303B E Main, Hoopeston

(217) 283-9552

## The PIT STOP at EAST LANES

- Monday:** Taco Salad (chicken or beef) or Tenderloin (grilled or breaded)
- Tuesday:** Chicken or Beef & Noodles or Speedway Burger
- Wednesday:** Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops
- Thursday:** Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
- Friday:** Cod or Ribeye Steak
- Saturday:** Prime Rib and Rib eyes

### Open Bowling

•Friday evening•All day Saturday•Sunday until 4

**Sign up Here for Barstool Golf**  
to benefit Grant Township Community Fund

Are you feeling lucky? Play our  
**Live Video Gaming**

---

## Letters to the Editor

---

### ***Citizens need more input into dispatch issue***

It seems if there were ever an issue that needed to be put to the citizens, tax payers, and voters, in a referendum form, this dispatch problem ranks at the top of the heap, because ultimately you are the ones that are going to have to pay for it. There are a couple serious questions that need to be asked.

First, ask yourself why did this city decide to have its own police force, fire department and emergency ambulance departments in the first place?

Second, (and this is a very important component to this situation) I have not heard anything, about what it might cost if Hoopeston was sued and had to spend money to go to court, or have to pay for an out-of-court settlement. If you are asking what am I talking about, over the last few years many millions of dollars have been spent by cities in out-of-court settlements in Baltimore, New York, Cleveland, and Chicago and even Champaign, which just recently paid out a third to half a million dollars in out-of-court settlements because of unlawful police officer treatment.

If someone were to lose a child because the response time was too long, isn't it possible that Hoopeston might get sued? All the savings that have been mentioned would be used up, plus more with just one lawsuit.

---

### Obituaries

---

**COLVIN** - Virginia Tekla (Alm) Colvin, 63, of Hoopeston, formerly of Chicago, died Thursday, March 2, 2017. Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Monday at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Rd., New Lenox. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in St. Benedict Cemetery, Crestwood. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com](http://www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com).

**SEYFERT** - William O. "Bill" Seyfert, 62, of Milford died March 1, 2017 at Lake Wales Medical Center, Lake Wales, Fla. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Wednesday at Cornerstone Church, Woodland. Memorials are suggested to Milford FFA or the church. Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home, Milford.

Who pays for these out-of-court settlements? Of course, the citizens, taxpayers and voters of these cities. To my knowledge, no elected official has been penalized in these out of court settlements.

Third, I think we are asking too much of our council on an issue that definitely has legal ramifications. Citizens should demand that the first team (legal) be put in and represent us, unless any alderman has a law degree or license we are not aware of. Where is the city attorney? Shouldn't he be our point man on this important issue?

Fourth, until, this matter is settled, what is the problem of having a temporary phone line put in for our dispatchers to use? It has to be possible; there was always a temporary phone line at the park during the Labor Day telethon. Has anyone even thought about setting up such a phone line, or how much it would cost? Just exactly how much investigation has there been?

It is amazing to me that the council would ever take such a step as this decision without informing the citizens of Hoopeston first, and also not investigating all the problems that might ensue. There seems to be more to this than meets the eye, and maybe the citizens of this town need to do some investigation on their own.

After all, when the council members terms are over,

you are still going to be here with your pocketbook wide open, and you will have to pay for any mistakes that are made.

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston

### ***Count the cost of closing dispatch center***

This subject has been dragging on for months. There needs to be more expedient action in resolving the issue.

Costs: Hoopeston is and has always been part of Vermilion County. Citizens of Hoopeston and surrounding area all pay county taxes, so are already paying their share of dispatching as currently being handled. Transferring the appropriate portion of that to Hoopeston should be less costly to Hoopeston than currently being discussed since the county is as responsible to the Hoopeston area as it is to the rest of

the citizens in the county. Certainly an equitable solution to funding a Hoopeston area dispatch center could be accomplished. Hoopeston residents with a landline phone pay a 911 charge on every phone bill. This money should be returned to help fund the Hoopeston area dispatch center. I see no reason the county shouldn't continue to fund a Hoopeston area dispatch center, at least to a fair extent, since we're already paying through our taxes.

A discussion about costs should also include the value placed on lives and property. While to we do need to spend city resources wisely, consideration should be given to lives and property in jeopardy when confusion and delays occur. What value to do we place on a life and the welfare of our community?

Charles Davis  
Hoopeston

---

### Court Dispositions

---

#### February 2

**James, Mills**, Hoopeston, case turned over to state comptroller for collection.

**Beth Williams**, status check March 2.

**Michael Ravellette**, Goodwine, case turned over to state comptroller for collection.

**Jean Vogel**, Cissna Park, status hearing March 2.

**Nathan Blanton**, Hoopeston, case turned over to state comptroller for collection.

**Robert Ferrell**, Hoopeston, status hearing March 2.

**Jayson Reyes**, Hoopeston, status hearing March 2.

---

### Lunch Menus

---

#### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli/cheese, apple-sauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pizza Rolls, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, chips & salsa, baby carrots, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

#### Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage or Hot Pocket, scrambled eggs, tri-tater, mandarin orange, salad bar, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, juice, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice.

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

---

### Weather

---

Breezy, chance of showers today, tonight. High 62, low 47. Tomorrow, chance of showers, then sunny, breezy. High 56, low 33.

---

### Classifieds

---

#### HELP WANTED

Hubbard Trail Country Club: Part time, flexible hours: Waitresses, Bartenders, Dishwasher. Experience preferred, must be 21 to bartend or waitress. Call 217-748-6521 leave a message and someone will return your call.

Clubhouse Manager

Hubbard Trail Country Club is seeking full time manager March thru October. Must be mature, trustworthy, pleasant personality with a positive attitude. Business management, supervisory, and bartender/restaurant skills a definite plus. Send resume and qualifications to P.O. Box 305, Hoopeston, IL 60942 or e-mail to [htccgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:htccgolf@yahoo.com).

The City of Hoopeston Street and Alley Department is taking applications for a Seasonal Employee. A CDL license is a plus. Applications can be picked up at City Hall.

Email [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net)  
or call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!

---