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Rural Hoopeston woman plays matchmaker with plants, people

A rural Hoopeston woman is carrying on a family tradition of making things grow.

"I come from a long line of people who work with plants," said Chris Farkas, owner of Final Touch Landscape Design. "Dad farmed and my brothers and I helped. Grandma could look at a plant and bring it back to life."

Farkas compares her profession to matchmaking. "There's more to it than sticking a plant in the ground because you think it's pretty," she said. "You have to know if the plant is going to be happy where you put it."

Plants are matched not only to the soil type, but also to the customer and the home. Favorite colors and plants, along with the family lifestyle, are considered before a single plant goes in the ground. "It's got to suit you, as a person, and the house, as well," Farkas said.

It is the design phase that Farkas most enjoys. "Who better to design than a woman," she said, adding some customers are surprised that a woman is in such a maledominated field.

"They're surprised that I can work with big trees and things," she said. "What woman doesn't do heavy work? You make things easy for yourself. You work smart."

Using the right tool for the job makes hard work easier, she said. Dollies and wheel barrows are used Plant vinca periwinkle for sun

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Briefly

Correction

The times for an open house at Gress Liquid Waste were incorrectly reported in Thursday's edition. The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

VBS at Baptist church

The First Baptist Church at Third and Seminary will have vacation Bible school from 9-11:30 a.m. June 3-7.

Children ages four through sixth grade are invited. The school's theme is "Let It Roll."

Basketball camp to begin

A boys' basketball camp will be held June 3-7 for area youngsters. Sessions for third, fourth and fifth graders will be from 8-10 a.m.; sixth, seventh and eighth graders from 10 a.m. to noon and high school students, noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Pete Sollars at (217) 283-9527.

Skaters, bicyclists warned

Residents wheeling their way down business district streets could be fined under city ordinance.

Hoopeston police are reminding residents that inline skating and roller skating are prohibited in the downtown area.

Bicycles are also banned from downtown sidewalks.

Vacation Bible School set

"Camp Courageous - Where God's Love is Contagious" is the theme of vacation Bible School at the First Christian Church of Hoopeston. Classes will be held from 9-11 a.m. June 10-14.

Classes are open to children ages four through the completion of sixth grade.

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Court dispositions

May 16: Tara N. Hofer, Rankin, illegal possession by a minor, \$95, six months court supervision.

Humphrey, Hoopeston, speeding, Rebecca

pleaded guilty, paid \$75 total.

Michael Hurst, Sheldon, deceptive practice, \$85 restitution, failed to appear, summons issued.

Rhonda Justice, Danville, disobeying stop sign,

Both drivers were ticketed after an accident at 8:54 p.m. Wednesday at Thompson and North Fifth St.

Shannon L. Ellis, 26, of 701 S. Guthrie, Rankin, was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at a marked intersection, while Dionicia S. Zamora, 16, #26 Parkview Court, was cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle.

Ellis, in a 1988 Chevrolet Corsica, was northbound on Fifth St., stopped at the intersection, then proceded on Thompson. She reportedly did not see Zamorra, in a 1980 Ford Econoline, who was eastbound on Thompson.

Noel Gonzalez, 37, of 311 W. Church, Cissna Park, was arrested at 11:30 a.m. Thursday on a warrant. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Jackie L. Trautvetter, 35, of 615 S. First Ave., was arrested at 10:50 a.m. Thursday on a warrant. She was released on \$300 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:34 a.m. Thursday in the 100 block of West

Ilse J. Fleisser, 423 E. Penn, in a 1989 Chrysler, was backing up and hit a 1085 Dodge driven by Daniel R. Spurr, 407 E. Jones, Milford. Fleisser was at fault for improper backing.

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See MATCHMAKER on other side

Matchmaker continued from other side

move trees and railroad ties, while sod cutters take up lawn.

Farkas said she is not only conscious of design, but also of cost. "I'm a cheapskate," she said. "I enjoy doing something really neat for someone without killing their pocketbook. I'm not out to become the biggest, richest business in Hoopeston."

Cost-consciousness includes using plants already available, if possible. Farkas will also draw up plans, allowing the customer to do the actual planting. "My concern is creating the right environment," she said. "I don't care if you put it in the ground or I do."

Landscaping is never far from Farkas' thoughts. While looking out a window, she compares two houses: one with bushes around the porch and sidewalk, the other with no landscaping.

"See the difference," she asked. "One looks much warmer, homier. Having a home without landscaping is like putting on your dress and forgetting your shoes. It finishes a house."

Farkas took classes at Danville Area Community College and opened her business last year, but did not actively pursue customers until this year. She hopes to enter a master gardener program in the future.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital May 29, 1996

Admitted: Gertrude Yarno, Hoopeston. Discharged: Betty Nolin, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny and warmer today. High in the low to mid 70s. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low in the low to mid 50s. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High near 75, low near 57. Sunday, scattered thunderstorms. High near 76. low near 64.

\$75, six months court supervision.

Jayme Keith, Hoopeston, deceptive practice and \$29.69 restitution; \$45 and summons fee, six months court supervision, restitution to be paid.

Jason McKeon, Bloomington, deceptive practice, \$42.63 restitution; failed to appear, summons issued

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