

LORRAINE
Screen 1: "Behind Enemy Lines" (PG-13)
 Starring Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson
 106 minutes, Scope, DTS/HPS-4000
 7:30 p.m. nightly, 2:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
Screen 2: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (PG)
 Runs 157 min. Dolby SR
 7 p.m. nightly, 1 & 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
 Opening Dec. 19: "Lord of the Rings"

Early Bird 
 Friday, Dec. 8
 Social hour 6-7 p.m.
 Dinner 7 p.m.
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Hoopeston VFW
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A bit of history gone
 Bob Voyles of Voyles Construction, Wellington, razes the former Hoopeston water building on Main Street Tuesday. The structure was built in 1897. It was severely damaged in the July 7 storm that swept through the city. City officials are planning a new building.
 Photo by Lourdine Florek

Local children need miracle-makers for merry Christmas

Some Hoopeston area children need the help of local people to make their Christmas merry.
 Earlier this week, the names of nearly four dozen children remained on Miracle Trees at Pamida and Weber's Drug Store, said Grant Township caseworker Carol Boose.
 Children who might otherwise not receive gifts are placed on Miracle Trees at the stores. Residents select a tag which includes the child's age, gender and sizes, and purchase presents for that child.
 Parents who wished to have children in the program had until last week to apply. "We had a tremendous response," Boose said. The names of more than 200 children were placed on the trees.
 The number is up a little due to economic conditions. Some people are not working while others are working at low-paying jobs and paying more to live, Boose said.
 Even though the number of participants is up, Boose said historically, the Miracle Tree program provides gifts for between 150-200 children annually. "It just happens to be on the high side this year," she said.
 Residents who wish to help make a child's Christmas better may select a name, shop and return gifts to the store where the name was selected. Packages may also be dropped off at the township building, 525 S. Market.
 Although Dec. 5 was to be the final date of the program, it has been extended to Dec. 12.
 Gifts will be distributed Dec. 15.

Christmas Scavenger Hunt
 5 p.m. Dec. 15
 Sign up now
 \$5/person, 4-6 people per team
BJ's Pump 
 1023 W. Main, Hoopeston (217) 283-5700

Free gift wrapping
 Choose from picture frames, Yankee Candles, centerpieces, poinsettias, table linens, swags, planters, body & bath products, special sale of Langs Stack Jar called Bob's Jars, John Deere memorabilia and many other things.
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 No cover charge!

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Extended shopping hours

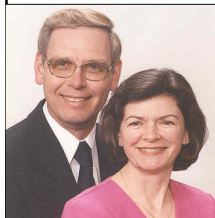
9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat.

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Christmas drawing!

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Christmas Trees

“Cut Your Own.”

Fri. 12-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 12-5.

Bundles of Evergreen.

Rt. 9 east to Antioch Road then 3 miles south
to Heaton Elevator.

Wally's Pub & Eatery

119 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6858

Friday: Coconut Shrimp, Beer

Battered Shrimp & Rib Eyes

Saturday: Prime Rib, Deep Fried Lobster,

Grilled Scallops, Rib Eyes



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, fruit yogurt, milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, bread, oleo, peach slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os, max stix, brownie, apple-sauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Taco meat/chips, salad, salsa, orange, milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes/syrup, sausage patty, tri-tator, fruit cocktail, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or fish/bun, salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles, hot roll or rib/bun, mashed potatoes, corn, peach slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or BBQ riblets, breadstick,

salad, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Burrito or mini corn dogs, chips, cheese sauce, salad, oranges, milk.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chili or potato soup, crackers, pears, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco/soft shell, corn, Spanish rice, peaches, peanut butter bars milk.

TUESDAY: French toast, sausage patty, tri tator, oranges, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog, baked beans, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, biscuit/butter, milk.

FRIDAY: Beef nachos, green beans/potatoes, pears, brownie, milk.



Police News



Charles D. Landers, 34, of 103 S. Bank, was arrested at 9:38 a.m. Wednesday in the 100 block of Bank. He was charged with unlawful possession of registration sticker after he put a car sticker on his expired truck plates, police said.

Landers was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A woman reported Wednesday that someone

kicked a gate on her property, damaging it. The damage occurred between Nov. 15 and Dec. 5 in the 700 block of Wilson.

A beige 1989 Mercury Sable was reported stolen Wednesday from Dick Jones Auto Sales, 902 S. Dixie Hwy.

Police said the keys were not in the vehicle when it was taken.

Briefly

Hospital forum

Officials of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will hold a forum at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Hoopeston City Hall. Medicaid cuts will be discussed and residents may ask questions about the hospital.

Christmas concert

Hoopeston Area High and Middle School will hold the annual Christmas Concert on Sunday in the middle school gym.

Middle school band and chorus will perform from 2-3 p.m. The high school band and chorus will perform from 3-4 p.m.

Tiny Tots

“The Gingerbread Man” will be the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Children will meet at 10:30

a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Obituaries

CULBERT—John Robert Culbert, 86, of Fort Collins, Colo., formerly of Rossville, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001. A memorial service will be held Friday in Fort Collins. Burial will be in Danville at a later date.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 47. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 37, low 29. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 43, low 25.

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

Classifieds

ADULT CARE

Will do private care for elderly. References available. Call (217) 283-5399.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LOST & FOUND

Black and gray tiger kitten - probably about 6 months old - at the high school. If it belongs to anyone please call 283-5993.

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