

LORRAINE

Screen 1: "Lord of the Rings" (PG-13)
Scope, 178 minutes, presented in SDDS/EX, HPS-4000
7:30 p.m. nightly, 12:30 & 3:45 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
New Year's Day at 3:45 and 7:30 p.m.

Screen 2: "The Majestic" (PG)
Starring Jim Carrey

Flat, 149 minutes, presented in Dolby SR Stereo
7 p.m. nightly, 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun., 4 & 7 p.m. Tues.
"Ali" starring Will Smith starts Friday, Jan. 4
"Black Hawk Down" starts Friday, Jan. 18

Going on Now!

Clearance Sale on Seasonal Items



Ungers Jewelry
314 E. Main St., Hoopeston

**Get the new year off to a
good start at**

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1023 W. Main, Hoopeston (217) 283-5700

~ Friday ~

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~ Monday, New Year's Eve ~

Maui Club Jr. 9-1

No cover. Champagne at midnight!

~ Tuesday, New Year's Day ~

Watch the Illini on our big screen
TV and enjoy \$1 beers!

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2001 brings good, bad events to Hoopeston area residents

The end of a year is a good time to review that year, including news stories that touched Hoopeston and surrounding communities. This year's top stories include:

It was a tornado...wasn't it?

On Sunday, July 8, residents were going about their lives when strong winds hit the city, damaging homes and three Hoopeston factories. As weather officials argued whether the storm was a tornado or not, the city went about cleaning up and repairing.

Although the storm was worse than any others residents could remember, it was not all bad as Hoopeston residents and volunteers from other communities pulled together to return the city to normal.

The World Trade Center bombing

For people too young to remember Pearl Harbor, Sept. 11 was the first time America had been attacked. Although it was New York City that was hit, the shockwaves emanating from the planes that crashed the Twin Towers could be felt across the country.

The scope of the damage, not only materially but in human terms, was incalculable. Americans mourned lost innocence as thousands of people died, including William Tselepis, son-in-law of David and Julie Christine of Hoopeston.

Hoopeston nearly lands a prison

On Jan. 17, approximately 1,000 residents met at the McFerren Park Civic Center to show Department of Corrections officials that yes, Hoopeston truly did want a 1,600 bed maximum security prison.

Former Mayor Bob Ault had applied for the facility in late 2000 and announced that Hoopeston was one of 11 communities being considered early this year. Hoopeston then made the short list of sites, which included Grayville and Wenona.

Gov. George Ryan eventually chose Grayville for the new prison. Cuts in the Department of Corrections budget make it unlikely any community will host a new prison in the near future.

April elections

Both Hoopeston and Rossville had new government heads this year after April's municipal elections.

In Rossville, former Mayor Merv Smith chose not to seek re-election. Former Mayor Terry Prillaman ran for, and was elected to that position.

In Hoopeston, 12-year incumbent Mayor Bob Ault was defeated by Chalmers Flint, who ran on a campaign of change. Flint resigned as director of the Hoopeston

See EVENTS on other side

Special of the Week



'93 Ford Explorer
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Sale price \$5,995!!!
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No cover charge

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The thing to do to bring in '02

Hoopeston VFW New Year's Eve Party

8:30-12:30 Mon., Dec. 31

Featuring **Smoke River**

\$10 single, \$15 couple in advance

\$11 single, \$17 couple at the door

Includes breakfast



COMPTON'S SPORTS BAR & Grill



225 E. Main St., Hoopeston (217) 283-5253

Saturday, Dec. 29

Push

9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$2 cover charge

Monday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Serving dinner 4-9 p.m.

Kitchen and Grill will be open

Steak & Prime Rib Special

Celebrate the New Year with

Covers

FINAL APPEARANCE!

9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$10/person

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002

New Year's Day

Customer Appreciation Day

Open at 1 p.m.

Food & \$1 beer (domestic)

Let's Cheer On the Illini!

Kitchen closed

Events continued from other side

Multi Agency to be a full time mayor and said he would use his experience at the Multi Agency to write grants to receive money to improve the city.

City gets \$500,000 sewer grant

In an effort to rid Hoopeston of its odor and to meet an EPA mandate, Hoopeston applied for and received a \$500,000 grant to revamp the sewage treatment lagoons which handle waste from Hoopeston Foods.

The money was used to implement a new aeration system which is expected to be more effective and less costly than treating waste chemically. The new system became operational earlier this month.

Hoopeston Public Library gets grant

When Hoopeston's Dale Carnegie library was built in 1904, no one could have foreseen such things as computers and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

To meet the changing needs of its patrons, the library was awarded a \$250,000 construction grant from the state of Illinois for a new 5,500 square foot addition. Other money came from the Wilson Bessellieu and Charlotte Ann Russell trust funds.

The renovations will include a new entrance, including an elevator, and will provide more space for library materials, as well as more elbow room for library workers.

The bank robbery that almost was

Hoopeston police, aided by the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department and Indiana police departments, foiled a planned robbery of the Community Bank Wellington facility on Oct. 24. Police chased two of the three men involved before charging all three in the planned heist.

Medicaid cuts hospital reimbursement

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home are bracing for severe cuts in the level of

Medicaid reimbursement they receive. Of the \$120 million Gov. George Ryan wants to cut from the Medicaid budget, about \$300,000 will come from local Medicaid funding. Hospital officials have asked residents to fight the cuts by writing and phoning state legislators and the governor's office.

Veterans memorial completed

Three years and 2,200 names later, the Hoopeston Veterans Memorial was completed in November. The stone monument stands in McFerren Park. The existing monument contains the names of those who served; a smaller monument, listing those who died in service, is expected to be placed in front of the larger memorial.

Sunday alcohol sales—again

The Hoopeston City Council is once again considering whether alcohol should be sold here on Sundays. The issue went before the civic improvement committee,

Police News



A **wooden shed** was pried open Monday or Tuesday at 301 W. Penn.

A **blood sugar** test system kit was found Wednesday at the Lorraine Theatre, 324 E. Main. It may be identified and claimed at the police station.

Weather



Mostly cloudy, chance of light snow showers or flurries today through Sunday. High today 30, low 15. Tomorrow's high 18, low 7. Sunday, high 20, low 8.

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

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Will be closed

in January & February

We'd like to say Thank You for your patronage and we look forward to seeing you in March.

which will make a recommendation to the city council.

Pla-Mor Lanes



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New Year's Eve

Come bowl in our

Low Game Tournament

with **CRAZY BOWL**

— OR —

Party and dance in the lounge with

Lazer & Lights DJ

No cover charge

Call for details on Low Game

Must be 21

Food • Champagne • Party Favors

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

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Modems for sale at Hoopeston Public Library. (217) 283-6711. 3 COM U.S. Robotics 56K V. Everything. Modems used less than one year. \$60 each.

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