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Steve Compton cooks up new business, Tater's Bar & Grill

After a five-month absence, Steve Compton is back in business.

Compton and his wife, Verna, recently opened Tater's Bar and Grill at 225 E. Main, formerly Compton's Bar & Grill.

The Comptons, who named the business after their 10-year-old son, Tate, reopened after partners in the former venture signed over their interest to the couple.

The biggest change Compton made after reopening was to lower prices. "I've had a lot of comments about it already," he said. "I didn't make the prices we started and I thought some of them were kind of high."

He also implemented a 10 percent senior citizen discount every Tuesday.

Many things are the way they were. Monday is taco night at the restaurant, Friday is pork chop and rib eye night and on Saturday nights, prime rib is served. Compton also plans to serve catfish filets he began serving before the restaurant closed. "They sold like hotcakes," he said.

During the summer, the kitchen will be open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. for dinner Mondays through Saturdays.

Compton is considering Sunday hours when the weather cools. "I think it will go over in the fall and winter but in the summer, there's too much going on," he said.



Photo by Lourdine Florek
Steve Compton of Tater's Bar & Grill readies for lunch Thursday as Mardenna McCalla works in the background.

Bands and DJs will also be booked during cooler months.

Compton credits Community Bank, and especially bank president Bill Nicholls, with getting him back in business. "They went to bat for me and helped me out," Compton said. "If it wasn't for them, I probably wouldn't be here."

Nicholls was especially helpful, arranging for Compton to get a small business loan. "He did a good job," Compton said.

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Briefly

Soccer signup

Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer will hold Fall 2002 registration from 9 a.m.-noon July 13 and 20 and 1-3 p.m. July 14 and 21 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Children four through junior high are eligible to participate. Cost is \$45 per child.

For more information, call (217) 283-7363.

Bike registration

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., will sponsor a bicycle registration from 2:30-3:30

p.m. July 18. For more information, call 283-5544.

ABATE meeting

Hubbard Trail ABATE will meet at 4 p.m. July 13 for a cookout at the Harold Grimm residence, 116 E. Elm, Watseka. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

Donations being accepted

A fund has been established at Community Bank to help defray medical costs of Jason Gaddis who was seriously injured in a car accident one week ago Sunday.

Donations may be taken to any of the bank branches in Hoopeston or Wellington.

New Books at the Library

Non-fiction:

Think by Sion Blackburn

What Does It All Mean? By Thomas Nagel

Write It Down, Make It Happen by Henriette Anne Klausner

The Truth About Girlfriends by Amy Fishbein

(youth/young adult)

Why Religion Matters by Huston Smith

America Looks Up by Max Lucado

Traveling Light by Max Lucado

Why, God? By Charles R. Swindoll

Terrorism, Jihad and the Bible by John MacArthur

Tater's continued from other side

Other funding for the venture came from the city's revolving loan fund, which provided \$35,000 to be repaid over 10 years.

Since opening the doors about two weeks ago, residents have been coming in to eat and check things out. "People really come in and support me," Compton said.

One thing that may have helped is the dining area away from the bar. "People found out it's not just a bar," he said. "There's a bar on this side and a family side on the other side."

The business also has a banquet facility which may be rented seven days a week. Compton will also do catering.

Opening a business is not without risk but Compton said the risk is worth it. "I think Hoopeston needs (the restaurant and bar)," he said. "If people didn't go out and take a risk, Hoopeston would fold up and blow off the map. I was born and raised here and I don't want to see that happen."

Most days you'll find Compton in the kitchen, preparing the day's special and planning ahead. He will

do all the daily cooking and weekend prep work. His niece, Mandy Lane, will help out as weekend cook.

"You're going to see me here a lot more," he said.

"It's my neck out on the line."

Police News



Lonnie L. Cornell, 45, of 510 W. Washington, was arrested at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of West Washington.

He was charged with violating an order of protection after police said he made harassing phone calls.

Cornell was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 78, low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 62. Sunday, mostly clear. High 85, low 64.

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

DACC at HMA

Kevin, Jett, Danville Area Community College coordinator for community education, will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 and 31.

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RUMMAGE SALES

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