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Hoopeston Public Library celebrates addition, renovations

Hoopeston's head librarian Lou Graham had a goal: expand the library and make it handicapped accessible.

More than two years in the making, that dream was realized Saturday when the library addition and renovations were officially dedicated.

The nearly \$1 million project, built with Illinois Live and Learn grant funds and money from the Charlotte Ann Russell and William Besseliu trusts, includes a new meeting room, increased staff space and handicapped accessibility through an automatic door system on the east and an elevator inside.

"It is to you, the citizens of Hoopeston, that this library is dedicated," said Dale Fry, president of the library



Larry Jahn, treasurer of the Hoopeston Public Library board of trustees, talks about a plaque, held by trustee Tony Hasbargen, that will be displayed commemorating a new library addition. Also pictured are trustee Sherry Miller and board president Dale Fry.

board of trustees. "Without you, we wouldn't need a library."

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Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Nov. 25, Elsie Hofbauer; Nov. 26, Leon Probasco (donated back); Nov. 27, Jennie and Jane Painter, Ambia, Ind.; Nov. 28, Darren and Robin Martin; Nov. 29, Marcia Prasse, \$200.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Lafayette, Ind. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday-Friday, closed for Thanksgiving. .

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday-Friday, closed.

Teen Reach activities include: Monday, Jill Feller, bullying, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, November birthday party; Wednesday, Lori Cooper; Thursday-Friday, closed.

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Police News



April A. Yanders, 23, of 1254 Westminster Row, Greenwood, Ind., was arrested at 6:34 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of South First Ave. Yanders, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for arraignment, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

Carrie M. Gray, 30, of 405 N. Market, was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of North Market. Gray, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for forgery, was taken to the Public

Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

A **16-year-old** boy was arrested at 2:53 p.m. Thursday at city hall. The boy, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for a status hearing, was released on a recognizance bond.

Linda S. Bridgemon, 31, of 716 E. Seminary, was arrested at 11:38 p.m. Thursday in the 700 block of East Seminary.

Bridgemon, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public

Obituaries

BLANKINSHIP - Janet R. Blankinship, 64, of Bloomingdale, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 at West Central Community Hospital, Clinton, Ind. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

LAMB - C.J. Lamb, 85, of Cissna Park, died at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at home. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial was in Amity Cemetery near Goodwine. Visitation was noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



All I want for Christmas
Four-year-old Ella Nelson, daughter of Jill and David Nelson, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas Friday night. Ella visited with the jolly old elf after the annual Santa Parade sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. The parade ended at the Lorraine Theatre where children visited with Santa and were served refreshments.

Library continued from other side

Fry was one of several speakers at the dedication. Others included State Rep. Bill Black, newly-elected State Rep. Shane Cultra, State Sen. Dan Rutherford, Mayor Chalmers Flint, Jan Ison, executive director of Lincoln Trail Libraries; architect Gary Olsen and Larry Jahn, library board treasurer.

"The project reflects something people who live in Hoopeston and northern Vermilion County take for granted," Black said. "This is a vital community. You have a library you can be proud of for the next 75-100 years.

Cultra said in an age of video games, "it says something about Hoopeston that you would invest in your library," a sentiment echoed by Flint. "This library is filled with kids every weekend because of the people here," he said.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 32, low 20.

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

Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

A **51-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone scratched the side of his truck and dented it.

A **47-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone took his wallet from the 300 block of East Seminary.

A **52-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone threw rocks at his garage, damaging the vinyl siding. A globe attached to the light on his garage had also been broken.

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