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Health center announces new emergency medical supervisor

Hoopeston Regional Health Center and Hoopeston Ambulance Service welcomes Lori Morris, new Emergency Medical Services Supervisor.

Morris comes to Hoopeston with more than 10 years' experience and invaluable up-to-date training and numerous certifications in this medical field.

Morris's qualifications include: EMS Lead Instructor for the State of Illinois, recognized by the Illinois Department of Health; Critical Care Flight Medic, Critical Care EMT Paramedic through the University of Maryland; Certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor; Certified



MORRIS

Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor; a Certified CPR Instructor Trainer; and a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Instructor.

"I am excited to get back to my rural EMS roots and Hoopeston was the perfect opportunity to use my skills and training to make a difference," said Morris. "And, I am looking forward to working with the community residents, schools, civic and recreational organizations, providing educational programs for all ages,"

Morris added.

To contact Morris for more information regarding educational programs for area organiza-

No changes from city recount

A recount of two precincts in Hoopeston showed no changes in vote totals between the top two mayoral candidates.

Lourdine Florek, who lost to new Mayor Bill DeWitt by six votes, requested recounts of Grant 2 and Grant 4, specifically because the number of ballots in Grant 4 was two less than the total number of mayor votes tallied by the voting machine at the end of the night.

Monday's recount showed two voters received ballots for the city election when they should not have.

"I would like to thank County Clerk Lynn Foster and Marietta West for their assistance and Brian Manion and Brandon Hamilton, who served as the canvassing committee," Florek said. "I'm happy that we have an answer to the discrepancy. Now we all need to get behind our new mayor and work together for the

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Pigs" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult. This is the last week for Tiny Tots until fall.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: May 9, Candis Clayborn; May 10, Jon and Dee Forez; May 11, Doug Wagoner; May 12, concert winner to be announced; May 13, Bruce Frank, donated back.

Girls softball meeting

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**A big thank you to all the parents and
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I just wish to add to the joy of seeing that other Hoopeston residents are taking upon the task of confronting city council, and their imposed without notice new mandates for this 2005 season at Floral Hill Cemetery.

I for one have already purchased the decorations and am planning on placing them on the grave sites. It is a shame that the city fathers wish Hoopeston to grow and prosper when their residents go and purchase decorations from many of our local retailers and then tell the purchasers that they are not going to allow "that type" of decoration on the graves this year with no notice, or input from us the living, the rightful owners of that plot of ground in a city-owned cemetery. I know many local florists and retailers that do make a considerable amount of money from the cemetery budget based upon the perpetual care arrangements, and the rest of us are being told we can only do certain set decorating themes per city regulations.


Who is responsible for the loss of revenue to the local retailers who are now not going to be selling the grave decorations, the annual plantings, plus the many perennial plantings that are placed upon a grave to spring to life each and every spring to beautify the cemetery?

Are we going to let the tank that guards the entrance sit and rust away because it is too expensive to paint and keep in presentable shape? When it's time comes, will it come of the same fate as the fish pond? What about the chapel? The same holds true for all the structures out there. They are obstacles which are to be mowed around



Police News

A Hoopeston resident reported Monday that items were taken from her son's grave at Floral Hill



New Books at the Library

Children's Room Fiction
 Angelina on Stage by Katherine Holabird
 Animal Stackers by Jennifer Belle
 Anyone Can Eat Squid by Phyllis Reynolds
 Baby Donald Goes to Playland by Walt Disney
 Bones and the Cupcake Mystery by David Adler

Letters to the Editor

and trimmed around with pride and care and dignity!

For many years, Floral Hill has had the honor of being the most beautiful of many cemeteries because it is of the older type with many unique and individual monuments of a family's love and affection.


I just do not understand where all the funding is going to. I would like to see an investigation into the complete purchase order list, and closer records kept on keeping the business in Hoopeston. If we purchase our products from each other, then we all benefit, and we can all learn about the actual costs.

I just find it difficult to understand that so few can dictate to so many on how to worship. I have even been told that the eternal candles which are in a tall glass are being banned. That is an outright slap in the face of discrimination to those who choose to use that method. Many others have even placed solar lights on their loved ones graves; these are not cheap and are very attractive. But now are being told that the can not be used any longer.

I just hope that those who are placing these laws into place when it comes their time to be placed in a place like Floral Hill Cemetery have the chance to think for a brief moment what they have denied those who still feel the loss, and those who still need closure, and show that through labors of love and solitude spent on bended knee at peace with their loved one, decorating it so that it may look nice and presentable as they all should!.

Prove to the public in a meeting set up just how many individuals are interred in Floral Hill Cemetery each year, and the revenue that is accumulated from those burials. The property tax fees should take care of the salaries, and equipment cost.


PS: The city is so worried about the cemetery. What about the Willdon building? What about the broken window on the 5-6 floors on the south and east sides?



Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 83, low 60.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



Birds can fly in, rain can get in and we still are sitting on that with no results.

Here we go again. Why not just erase Hoopeston from the map. That seems what our city fathers are wishing to do, that way they do not have to bother with the sewer problems from the past. What about meeting with individuals who have intimate knowledge of the system, and mapping a series of plans to correct the flooding problem instead of just trying to patch the problem here and there waiting and hoping the next big one does not come in our lifetime.

The deteriorating bricks falling from the buildings onto the side walks downtown. What about the curb cuts for the handicapped? There are many places where to cross town you have to go out into the street simply because there are no curb cuts. Not to mention the access to crossing the railroad. The tracks pose no problem, just getting up to them is the biggest difficulty. It is a real obstacle course.

Hoopeston has become a town that truly does "not care about you," only where we can spend more of the taxpayers money to make the city look good while providing less than adequate infrastructure support for its residents. At this rate the city will be deserted in 50 years, and nothing more than a memory in the back shelf of the library!

Jeff Keith
Hoopeston

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