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## **From makeup to minnows, Nate's Bait Shop offers it all**

Whether you're looking for makeup or minnows, Nate's Bait Shop can fill your needs.

Dorothy Allison opened the store April 1 in the former Firestone/Bushong building on Rt. 1. The new store includes items from her former Mini Mart store downtown, including ELF cosmetics and other items.

With the old favorites, Allison added bait, including cat fish bait, wax worms, shrimp, bee moss and minnows.

She also started a t-shirt transfer business with several colors of t-shirts and hats and many styles of designs. One of Allison's favorites depicts a Main Street scene with a business named "Ted's" and a Rt. 66 sign. "When I was a kid, Ted's was where it is now and there was a gas station across the street," she said.

Other designs include pictures of fish, wolves and dogs and slogans.

Allison will also accept resale items on consignment.

Additionally, The Country store moved its inventory to the new location.

The business was named after Allison's seven-year-old grandson, Nate Allison, who came up with

## **Multi Agency announces May Community Center events**

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has several May events that are educational, entertaining or informative.

Beginning bridge lessons are held at 1 p.m. Thursdays, taught by Lib Malady and Sally Sheppard. Each class will run about 90 minutes.

On Thursday, May 11, Dave Christine, Dwight Hoffman and Greg Anvick will display their work and demonstrate carving as part of Kickapoo Carv-



Seven-year-old Nate Allison stands among items at Nate's Bait in the former Firestone/Bushong building on Rt. 1, Hoopeston.

the name and has a hat and t-shirt advertising the shop.

ers. Pieces will be on display at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation is set for 12:45 p.m., immediately following the senior potluck. The presentation is open to everyone.

On Thursday, May 18, John Sant, ex-POW and B-17 pilot in Germany will share his experiences flying missions and his time in a prison camp in 1944-45. The public is invited; coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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Possible rabid animals cause concern

I am concerned to learn that the city of Hoopeston will not have a dog catcher. What are we to do if a rabid animal of any kind is in the area? Who are we to call, Ghost Busters? The police will probably call Danville. To me it will be too little, too late if an accident like a rabid animal of any kind shows up.

Jean Akers  
Hoopeston

City needs to look at Willdon options

I first wish to take a moment to state that when the city was gifted with the Willdon Building, there were many great hopes dreams and plans for both rehabilitation, and multifunctional uses! Unfortunately as time and circumstances have transpired, the entire issue has become a beautiful but still large expensive burden.

Have there been any inquiries into historic preservation organizations (www.landmarks.org)? This group has a contact base and a working history that has achieved success where people thought success was

not possible. What can it hurt to try?

Is it possible to have someone such as the Peace Corps person make the initial contact, as I have no idea on how to contact her. Hopefully the historic people would have a representative to come out and give the building an evaluation, and possible a plan for what the best options for the building as well the city are!

What about CRIS Senior Center? They worked long and hard to obtain the former Holland Building in Danville with the plans to turn it into a multiuse facility, as well with residential occupancy for disabled individuals. I realize that this would take much more infrastructure work as the Willdon was never set up as a residential

complex, plus there might be some residential placement ordinances that need to be looked into, but it is a sturdy, beautiful, and sound building, with a long history that should still be having life flow through its doors on a daily basis.

I fear that this building will fall into disrepair over the years, and one day the citizens of Hoopeston will be faced with an enormous demolition and another empty place where one of our most beautiful buildings once stood.

Everyone that has any thoughts no matter how outlandish should try to get their voices heard as to save this structure. I have been told that an unoccupied building

disintegrates faster than if it were being used, due to a multitude of physical factors, air flow in and out, temperature, humidity regulation, and observations of the occupancy when repairs need to be made - this is what keeps a building alive.

To simply "mothball" the structure is unfortunately what we must do I have been told but hopefully only in the short term!

In regards to the Animal Control officer position, would the Vermilion County Animal Control be the back up for Hoopeston?

Jeff Keith  
Hoopeston

Police News

**A 62-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that his license plate, 3830198, was lost or stolen.

**Cathy S. Smith**, 32, of 528 N. Fourth St., was ticketed after an accident at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said Smith, in a 1987 Chevrolet Astro van, was northbound on South Fourth St., hit a parked 2002 Chevrolet owned by Jodi R. Porter, also of Hoopeston. Smith's van continued north until it left the street onto property at 322 S. Fourth, striking several trees on the way.

Smith was ejected from her vehicle and was taken to

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, police said.

Smith was ticketed for failure to wear a seat belt and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Randy Hiltz** of Hiltz Portable Sanitation reported Thursday that someone damaged several items at his business at 506 N. Seventh Ave.

**A 30-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that someone entered her home at Parkview Court.

**Christopher A. Hankins**, 33, of 707 S. Second Ave., was arrested at 10:23 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of South Second Ave. He was charged with domestic bat-

tery on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Hankins was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a court hearing.

Classifieds

AUCTIONS

Antique, collectible, clean household, lawnmower, toys, marbles trees auction 10 a.m. May 6, Hoopeston Civic Center. For free consignment information or to schedule an appointment to consign items, call Jon Witvoet, (217) 748-6289 or (217) 304-0442

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Briefly

Music Booster winners

The \$100 winner in Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing for the week of April 21 is Richard Metz.

Tiny Tots

"Cats" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Auxiliary membership drive

Hoopeston Regional Health Center Auxiliary is holding a membership drive. Dues are \$15, \$25 and \$50. All dues are used within the HRHC campus for various

projects.

There are no meetings to attend, however, anyone is invited to sit on the advisory panel and attend the four meetings held annually. Dues may be sent to treasurer Rita Rethelford, 904 Wilson, Ave. Checks should be made payable to HRHC Auxiliary.

For more information, call Charlene Ervin, advisor, at (217) 283-9215.

Weather



Rain likely today. High 57. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 34. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 62, low 37.

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