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Business owner credits Hoopeston with 10 successful years

Kevin Davis, owner of Hoopeston Express Lube, credits local residents with helping him reach his 10th anniversary.

Hoopeston Express Lube opened in December 1996 and since then, Davis has added five more stores to his business, including two in Danville and one each in Watseka, Rantoul and Lafayette, Ind.

"I'd like to say thank you to the city of Hoopeston," Davis said. "Everything got started with Hoopeston."

The business not only provides a service to residents, but also jobs. Currently, Greg Longfellow is the manager of the Hoopeston store, a position he has held for two and a half years. A former employee of the Hoopeston business, Luke Greenwood, has managed the Lafayette, Ind. store for about the same length of time.

Although he has 10 years under his belt, Davis is not content to let business slide. He tries new things to retain existing customers and attract new ones. A postcard reminder service notifies customers when it is time for an oil change and he has also used an automatic telephone dialing system to remind cus-



Four-year-old Ryan Brazel watches as Andrew Tetrault services his mother's vehicle Wednesday at Hoopeston Express Lube. The business is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Ryan is the son of Melisa and Josh Brazel of Alvin.

tomers when it is time for service.

Davis also uses the Internet, with a web page at www.quicklube4u.com, which has information, as well as printable coupons for discounts on services, including oil changes, radiator flushes, wiper blades and more. Customers who provide the business with

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Where is Dr. Crawford

I know we shouldn't say, we told you so, but looks like Dr. Crawford's patients knew best. We still wonder why Dr. Crawford was not put in charge of the health center. We have had a lot of good young doctors over the years in this town and health management continually run them off for some reason or other. When is this management going to listen to us (the patients who see, get to know and trust these doctors) before they make decisions that ultimately effect us.

How many other folks hate to have to change primary care physicians every four or five years? I sure don't

Letters to the Editor

like it. How many of you actually get your primary care in Danville, Watseka, Milford, Rossville, Paxton, Champaign and other cities now because your tired of the musical chair system that the management at our local facility continually use.

Again, we had a good one in Dr. Crawford, why did you not give him the head job of the center? We have to pay for your mistakes!

Don't you realize just how important a patient-physician relationship is? Every time a new doctor comes to town, it is necessary for them to learn all about the patients that they are responsible for taking care of. It

is no wonder that to protect themselves from lawsuits, they have to have every possible test done on patients (they don't know us). They cannot possibly know a patient's history and how often does a patient's history have a direct effect on the condition that they have to treat or diagnose. A patient has to continually make sure that they communicate well with a doctor that does not know them that well. A primary care physician should be able to advise his patients, based on his knowledge of the patient's history. Our facilities make it impossible for them, because just as soon as they get to know us, they're fired.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am sick and tired of the health care management that we have had to witness in this town. There ought to be a board of everyday patients that work with all the people in our health care system, to insure that at least the management knows how the majority of patients feel on issues. No more closed doors, meeting, or minds.

Tom Evans
Hoopeston



Police News



Craig B. Coon, 24, of 8015 S 1200 W, Fowler, Ind., was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 12 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Coon, in a 2004 Dodge Ram, was east-bound on West Orange when he hit a 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Charles D. Strawser of Hoopeston, who was stopped by a train.

No injuries were reported.

A **representative** of Vermilion Iron, 100 N. Sixth Ave., reported Tuesday that someone damaged equipment at the plant. Equipment was also reported stolen.

Three people were arrested on drug charges at 2:37 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Court.

James J. English, 29, of #30 Parkview Court, Michelle E. Kempen, 22, of 421 E. Honeywell, and James T. Underwood, 23, of 725 W. Washington, were each charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

Success continued from other side

their email address are notified of specials via email with the Preferred Customer Email Discount Program. Other enticements are in the works, he said.

Before opening the Express/Quick Lubes, Davis worked for Safety Clean, a waste oil disposal company, when he first got the idea of opening an oil change business.

A **12-year-old** Hoopeston girl was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after she was hit by a car at 3:44 p.m. Wednesday.

The unidentified girl left the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., and was hit by a 1999 Ford driven by Lisa R. Langellier of Hoopeston who was northbound on First Ave.

Lincoln T. Ingram, 41, of 325 S. Third St., was arrested at 7:43 p.m. Wednesday at Honeywell and Third St. Wanted on a warrant, Ingram was released on \$300 cash bond.

Obituaries

LUND - Harold Lund age 63 of Rossville died at 8:29 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 16, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital emergency room. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Morningstar Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:34 p.m. Tuesday to the 200 block of West Chestnut for a report of smoke and the smell of something burning. No injuries were reported.

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Briefly

Birthday open house

An 80th birthday open house for Doris Good will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge. All friends are invited.

Card shower

A card shower is being held for H. Dale Brown's 80th birthday. Cards may be sent to him at 3512 Cambridge Court, Apt. 101, Danville, IL 61832.

Tiny Tots

"Cooking Up Good Stories" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hoopeston Public Library Children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult

Big Brothers/Big Sisters marks National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month. This year's theme is "Who Mentored You? Pass it on. Mentor a child."

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Vermilion County has been preparing for National Mentoring Month. The children (Littles) have been busy nominating their mentor for Big Brother and Big Sister of the year. January 25 is "Thank Your Mentor Day". A breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church gym at 100 N. Franklin Street, Danville. The

Wrestlers to mark Senior Night

Hoopeston Area High School's wrestling team will celebrate Senior Night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. Everyone is invited to attend and support the seniors as they wrestle the last home matches of their high school careers.

Seniors to be recognized include:

Cody Leemon (119)

Patrick Sheppard (140)

T.J. Warner (145)

Todd Crawford (135)

Daniel Wagoner (160)

George Plaza (215)

Brad Thompson (215)

Amy Franklin (stats)

Jackie Gawthorpe (stats)

Artist reception

Residents are invited to a reception for area artists from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston Public Library. Gary Olsen, Olsen & Associates, will be here also. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to meet the artists who beautify our world with their original creations.

Artists are invited to bring samples of their work for display at the event.

Banquet tickets available

The Hoopeston Community Awards banquet will be held Monday, Jan 29 at the Hoopeston Civic Center. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the Chamber Office, the Chronicle, and the high school

Big Brother and Big Sister of the year will be named and awarded a plaque. All mentors are invited, as well as anyone interested in becoming a mentor. We also encourage those who were mentored as a child to come and get involved.

In Vermilion County, mentors are from every walk of life. They are all busy people who selflessly manage to spend at least an hour a week with a child in our community while juggling jobs, community and family obligations. Their commitment is extraordinary.

This January BB/BS will hold our 31 mentors in 31 days campaign. Last year during National Mentoring Month, 17 new mentors came into the fold. This year BB/BS is posing a challenge to our community to increase that to a mentor per day for National Mentoring Month.

New mentors will join a prestigious group of people. Even though they are very busy with their own lives they carve out an hour a week to spend mentoring a child. Rose Henton, BB/BS executive director said, "I had one mentor tell me, 'it's a hour a week right? Who can't spare an hour a week to help a child?'"

"I know some people may feel they aren't the type of person to mentor. I can honestly say children don't care if you are short or tall, fat or skinny, old or young. They don't care what you feel your standing in life is, they want that person who will believe in them even when they don't believe in themselves. "

office.

Social hour will begin at 6p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the awards program at 7 p.m.

DACC sets Scrabble tournament

The Reader's Route, a literacy program at Danville Area Community College, will host the second annual Scrabble Tournament Fundraising event on Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Student Union in Lincoln Hall. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Play will be between 1-5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded after the tournament. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event.

Competitors may register as individual players or teams of three. There is an overall limit of 100 players in the tournament.

Entry fees are \$25 for single player or \$60 for a team. High team score will receive a \$300 prize. High individual score will receive a \$150 prize. The player with the lowest score will receive a Scrabble dictionary.

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