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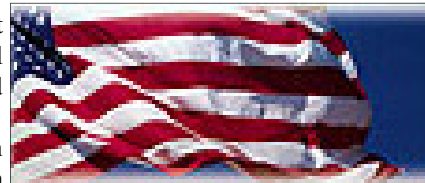
Anderson Funeral Home is the first in the state to add a new personal touch honoring the death of a loved one.

Recently, the funeral home began offering personalized vault lids as a complimentary service to customers.

Loved ones may choose one of several designs on adhesive vinyl to cover the top of the vault or personal photographs or drawings can be used, providing a lasting tribute to the deceased, said owner Ryan Anderson.

Because the choices are limitless, each person's vault may become a personalized statement. "Take a farmer and a minister," Anderson said. "Their lives are totally different. Personalizing the vault allows us to reflect that."

One example Anderson has on display is a display of the first tractor his grandfather purchased. "We're farmers," he said. "This is important to us."



One of the images available to personalize a vault is a flying American flag.

Using state of the art equipment, the photograph or drawing is scanned into a computer, then transferred to the vault lid.

When Anderson first added the service, some people wondered why place anything on a vault lid since it will be buried. However, Anderson said, after doing his first one and

hearing compliments from family members, he decided to offer the service to all customers for free.

Personalizing a vault lid costs Anderson about \$100 but he opted not to charge families for the fee, believing it adds a special touch to remembering a loved one. "I wanted to do this for my customers."

Anderson Funeral Home offers other personalized touches, including casket inserts designed to reflect a person's life. At the time of burial, the insert can be removed and given to a family member as a remembrance, he said.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Bedtime Stories" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library. Children may come dressed in pajamas.

Tiny Tots meets 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.

Sweetheart Banquet

Reservations are now being accepted for the Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet to be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 in the Hoopeston Area High School gym.

Hoopeston Area or Rossville-Alvin senior citizens

who wish to attend should make reservations by calling 283-6661 or 283-6662 with their names and number of people in their party. Reservations must be made by Feb. 16.

The event is sponsored by the high school drama department and student council.

For more information, call 283-6668.

Siren testing

Hoopeston Police Department will test the alert and attack sirens at 10 and 10:02 a.m. Tuesday. This is a monthly test of the sirens.

Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

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Court Dispositions



January 4

Amber N. Underwood, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to nuisance vehicle; requested trial set February 15.

Stephanie McGee, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status check March 1.

Roger D. Arms, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to criminal damage to auto; requested trial set for February 15.

William E. Drollinger, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to criminal damage to property; requested trial set for February 1.

Angela D. Hasbargen, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty

to battery, fined \$205; status check March 1.

Joseph E. Irons, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm in the city limits, fined \$180; status check March 1.

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Raquel Torres, Hoopeston, status check; continued to January 18.

Elijah L. Hunt, Danville, status check continued to February 1.

Mary J. Martinez, Hoopeston, new status check date of February 1.

Eddie D. Hargrove, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.



Police News



A **46-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone took a ladder from his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of East Penn.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:30 p.m. Sunday in the Pizza Hut parking lot, 1002 W. Chestnut.

Joshua D. Pierce of Hoopeston told police his 1994 Ford truck hit a parked 1994 Mercury Cougar owned by Tammy L. Halley, also of Hoopeston

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7 p.m. Sunday to a report of a kitchen fire at 403 W. Lincoln. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

SHERMAN - Bill Sherman, 74, of Rossville died at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 at Watseka Health Care. Arrangements are pending at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville.

Weather



Snow likely today and tonight, with accumulations of 3"-5". High 14, low 6. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 19, low 6.

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

Scott A. Sheppard, Paxton, failed to appear at sentencing for disorderly conduct, fined \$280; status hearing March 1.

Scott A. Sheppard, Paxton, failed to appear at sentencing for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$280; status hearing March 1.



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