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New Hoopeston business to fill niche of small home repairs

Whether you have a loose hinge on your kitchen cabinet, a wobbly front porch railing, or a computer that's running too slowly, there is a new Hoopeston business which can help fix your problem.

Bob Charbonneau has opened "The Christian Handyman, LLC." and bills himself as "the small job specialist."

"Although I just moved here recently, I've been around the community for several years now," Charbonneau said. "And it seems that, while there are several good, larger construction companies, there is a need for someone who wants to take care of smaller jobs, like hanging a storm door or fixing a basement step."

Charbonneau is originally from the Kankakee area, but his wife, the former JoAnn Gocking, is a Hoopeston native and longtime local resident. The couple purchased a house in Hoopeston in 2006 and, after spending a year "flipping" it completely inside, relocated here last fall. He is retired from U.S. Steel in Gary, Ind., and Atlas Tube, Inc. of Chicago, a manufacturer of structural steel tubing. At both companies, he worked in purchasing management, with a specific focus on maintenance, repair and operations.

"Although I am retired," Charbonneau said, "I'm only 55, so I wanted to find something to do to stay active and involved in the community. I've been doing all sorts of home projects and repairs for years so this seemed like a very good fit."

In addition to his industrial and home repair background, Charbonneau has extensive experience and training in computer repair and programming. For several years, he owned and operated his own Internet web development corporation.

"I have a lot of experience in computers," he said, "and have been helping friends and relatives with their

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 THURSDAY: Totally taco, max snax, salad, pineapple
 FRIDAY: PBJ, yogurt, mixed fruit, applesauce

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
 MONDAY: Chicken/bacon/ranch wrap or ham & cheese/bun, tri-tator, applesauce, pudding
 TUESDAY: Twisted edge three meat pizza or BBQ

rib/bun, salad, pears
 WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or chili/cheese max wrap, salad, peaches, garlic bread
 THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy or pancake & sausage on a stick, scrambled eggs, tri-tator, apple juice
 FRIDAY: Chicken salad wrap or fish sandwich, California blend, mixed fruit

CRIS/SAMS meals
 MONDAY: Ham & beans, cole slaw, applesauce, orange

Obituaries

Police News 

Rebecca J. Baker, 20, of Hoopeston was arrested at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of East Elm. She was charged with battery on a complaint from a 54-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Baker threw a chair at her, striking her in the leg.

Baker was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston court.

Business continued from other side

computer problems for years, so that seemed like a good thing to offer as part of the handyman business."

Along with small home repair jobs, Charbonneau can also handle a wide range of painting projects.

"I'm not equipped to paint a two- or three-story house," he explained. "But I will be available for most interior painting jobs, and also smaller outside jobs."

And, while he is not offering a full-scale lawn care service, he will provide such services as gutter cleaning, spring yard cleanup, pressure washing of buildings or patios, trimming bushes and other similar outdoor projects.

The Christian Handyman is registered with the State of Illinois as a Limited Liability Company and is also fully insured.


"Even though this company is small, I want to operate it in a businesslike and totally professional manner," Charbonneau said. "I want my customers to know they are dealing with someone they can trust."

Free detailed written estimates will always be provided. Senior citizen discounts are also offered for individuals age 60 and above.

"I know there are many seniors in the community who might find it difficult to get some of their smaller home repair projects taken care of," Charbonneau said. "I especially want to be able to help them out."

The Christian Handyman LLC can be reached anytime by calling 217-274-1202, or via email at christianhm@verizon.net.

You can also visit their website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/resynki6/christianhm> for information on other discounts and special offers.

Weather 

Winter storm warning through noon Friday. Today, snow. High 30. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 21. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 33, low 23. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of freezing rain late. High 35, low 31.

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

juice, corn bread
 TUESDAY: Italian beef, green bean casserole, beer cheese soup, peaches, bun
 WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, applesauce, white bread
 THURSDAY: Chicken parmesan, carrots, whipped potatoes, orange juice, wheat bread
 FRIDAY: Lasagna, lettuce/dressing, apple crisp, breadsticks

All meals include milk.

Classifieds

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