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**This week's Daily Specials:**  
**Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or  
Beef Stroganoff**

**Thursday: Pork Chops & fireworks  
from the patio.**

**Outside bar will be open!**

**Friday: Cod & Ribeye  
for Lunch & Dinner**

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**with a chance for the Camper sign-up  
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**Smoke River**

*(inside the airconditioning)*

**8:30-12:30**

**Saturday: Open bowling at 1 p.m.**

**Pit Stop will open at 4:30 p.m.**

**Ribeye Steaks**

*Due to a mixup, there will be no  
Prime Rib Saturday*

**Dave Hughes and Heather Cook  
invite everyone out, starting at 7 p.m.,  
to celebrate their marriage**

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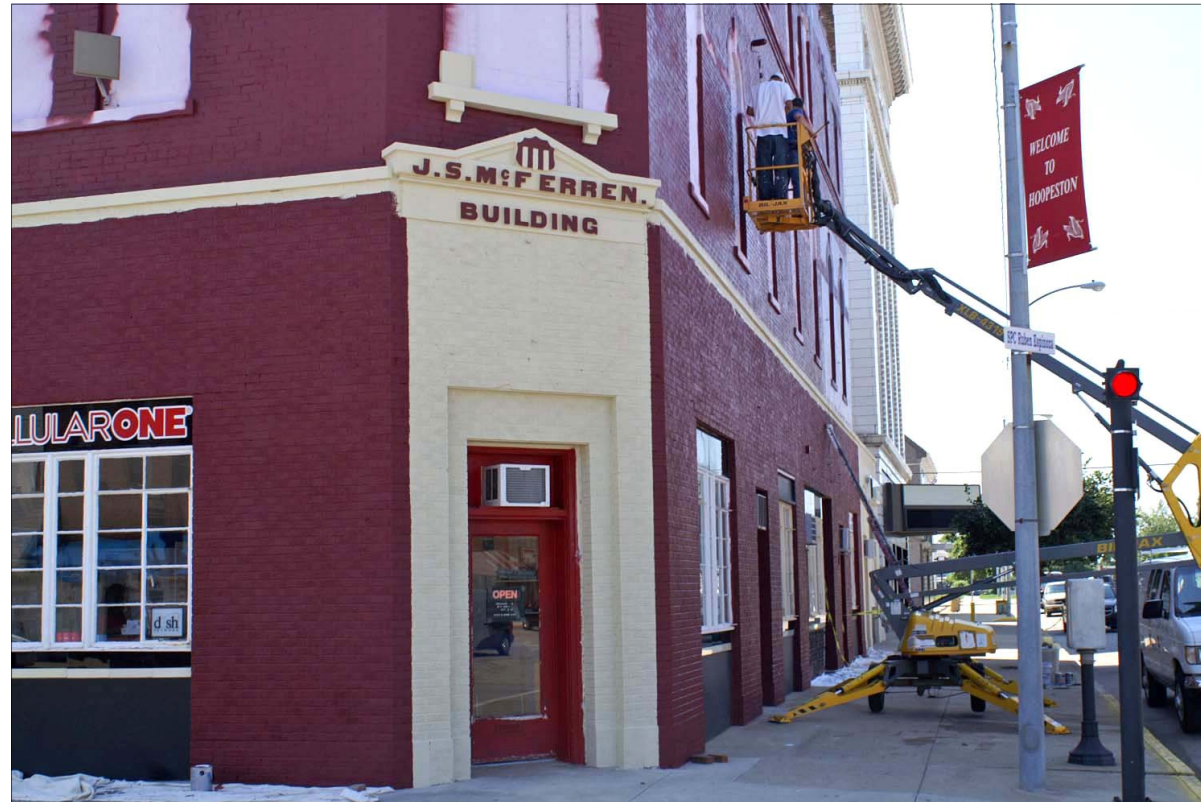
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Jake Rushin and Jason Reynolds paint the side of the McFerren Building at Main and Market Tuesday morning. The two, employees of Van Buren Painting of Danville, are restoring the building to its color scheme from 1906, said owner Gary Dickenson.

## City's McFerren Building restored to 1906 color scheme

Hoopeston residents wondered aloud last week what was going on with the McFerren Building. Painters at the site covered the building in hues ranging from pink to purple.

That color scheme did not go over well, said Gary Dickenson, building owner.

Residents are much happier this week, because the pink/lilac/purple was primer for the building's new colors. Cranberry bog, a burgundy, is now highlighted with tan in a color scheme that harkens back to 1906, Dickenson said.

See McFERRER on other side

## Taco Night

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Wade Gocking, Hoopeston Street & Alley Superintendent, gives a thumbs up next to the new 2008 Elgin Pelican street sweeper, which was delivered Tuesday.

**McFerren** continued from other side

Dickenson, of Florida, said some residents had negative comments about the colors last week but have rave reviews this week.

This is the first major change to the exterior that Dickenson, who co-owns the building with his wife, Karen Hoth, has done since buying the building about three years ago. “I’ve made other improvements but you couldn’t tell by looking from the outside,” he said. “This is a real bang for the buck.”

Van Buren Painting of Danville is doing the painting. Owner Greg Van Buren said he, too, heard less-than-positive comments last week but all positive comments this week.

Tuesday morning, employees Jason Reynolds and Jake Rushin, in a hydraulic lift, applied the burgundy color to

the building’s top floor, while Van Buren did touch-up work atop a ladder.

Chuck Eldridge rounds out the crew. Not fond of heights, Eldridge, nicknamed “Diesel,” does ground work and runs the equipment.

Painting is scheduled to be completed next Wednesday but may be delayed if forecasted rain hits this week.

Part of the cost of the project will come from the city’s façade improvement program. Dickenson’s application was approved May 6. Under the grant, Dickenson can recoup up to \$5,000 of the \$10,500 cost.

While most of the building is cranberry bog with tan trim, the Country Insurance building has been painted tan. The overpass between the McFerren and Willdon buildings are to be painted a deep green.

# Hoopeston’s new sweeper delivered, ready to hit the streets

Hoopeston’s streets may soon be as clean as its new street sweeper.

The 2008 Elgin Pelican model was delivered to the city street and alley department Tuesday morning and department workers couldn’t be happier.

The white sweeper has special paint to resist corrosion and reduce the amount of dirt that will stick to it, said James Bone, sales representative for Key Equipment of Bloomington, where the sweeper was purchased.

Additional features include an air-conditioned cab and rear camera.

The model is one of the first of newly-designed sweepers. Elgin began the redesign in 2001, completing

it last year, in time to produce this year’s models.

This is the first new sweeper the city has owned. It replaces a 1995 model that had to be repaired daily, said Wade Gocking, Street and Alley Superintendent, adding he was not sorry to see the old one go.

The city paid about \$145,000 for the new sweeper and received a \$15,000 trade-in for the old model.

Getting the sweeper approved by the council was one of the last acts the late Alderman Jerry Yonkers did before his death on June 20. Department employees, as well as Bone, thought about Mr. Yonkers Tuesday when the machine was delivered. “He worked really hard to get this,” Bone said. “I was sorry to hear about what happened.”



## Police News



**Robin L. Coffey**, 25, of Hoopeston was charged with disorderly conduct after a 72-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged that she was playing loud music at 7:26 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of North Market.

**A 15-year-old** Hoopeston boy was charged with battery after another 15-year-old boy alleged he had been battered by the arrested boy at 5:16 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of East Lincoln.

The youngster was released to a responsible adult on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Two women** were charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from an 18-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Chelsea C. Bernal, 17 and Lucia M. Ortiz were ar-

rested after the incident at 9:54 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of South Second Ave. Each was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**A 45-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday that someone smashed the driver’s side side window of her vehicle while it was parked in the 700 block of East Seminary.

## Jaycees to hold cookout

The Hoopeston Jaycees will hold a fundraising cookout from 5-7 p.m. Thursday in the Jerry’s IGA parking lot. A ribeye sandwich, fries and drink is \$6; a sandwich is \$4 and hotdog, fries and drink is \$2.

Proceeds will go to the group’s underprivileged children’s Christmas project.

## Weather



Breezy today. High 88. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 66. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 78, low 61.

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

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