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Steak Fry
 will not be held Friday
 due to the
 Fourth of July holiday.

**The PIT STOP at
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This week's Daily Specials:
**Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or
 Beef Stroganoff**
**Thursday: Pork Chops & fireworks
 from the patio.**
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**Friday: Cod & Ribeye
 for Lunch & Dinner**
WHPO live Friday
with a chance for the Camper sign-up
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Smoke River
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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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Hoopeston businesses to hold fireworks spectacular tonight

There will be plenty of good seats throughout Hoopeston for tonight's fireworks show.

The show will begin at dusk Thursday. Pyrotechnics will be fired from the city slab, allowing residents multiple places to view the display.

The show is sponsored by "a handful" of Hoopeston businesses, said Dave McFadden, one of the show's fundraisers.

Those businesses contributing to the fireworks effort include McFadden's Anthem Chevrolet, along with Harris Insurance, Anderson Funeral Home, Crown Ford, Star Chrysler, Edward Jones Investments, Olympic Hardware, Iroquois Federal, Community Bank, Hoopeston Regional Health Center, McMurray Insurance, Cith of Hoopeston, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and WHPO, which will simulcast music accompanying the display.

The price tag for the show is \$10,000, McFadden said, adding the businesses footing the bill have been "extremely generous."

Asked why the display is being held on July 3, rather than July 4, McFadden said the reasons are two-fold.

First, it is a matter of economics. "We can't afford



Friday," he said. "It's a matter of affordability."

Holding the show on July 4 would add between \$2,000 and \$2,500 to the price tag or would force the show to be cut back to accommodate the added fee.

The second reason is to so that people will have a day off, rather than a work day, the day after the show.

This year's show will be comparable to last year's but McFadden said he has been forewarned that next year, fireworks prices will increase. "We won't be able to get what we got for \$10,000," he said.

This is the fourth year that Hoopeston businesses have sponsored local fireworks. Businesses took over the responsibility of paying for the show after other fundraising efforts failed. "We were on the verge of not having it at all," McFadden said.

And, although it is privately funded and has limited resources, it is a fireworks spectacular. "My pyrotechnics guy told me our show is the biggest in Vermilion County," he said.

In case of rain, the display will be Sunday. That decision is expected to be made sometime early Thursday.

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Police News

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Kurtis J. Simpson, 23, of Hoopeston was arrested at 10:37 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of South Fifth St. He was charged with domestic battery, criminal damage to state-supported property and criminal trespass to state supported property on a complaint from a 28-year-old Hoopeston woman, stemming from an incident on June 28 at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell.

Simpson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Aaron D. Mehki, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested after

an accident at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday at Casey’s General Store, 115 E. Orange.

Police said Mehki, in a 1999 Ford Explorer and Jessica L. Deck, also of Hoopeston, in a 2004 Chevrolet Malibu, collided in the parking lot.

Mehki allegedly left the scene and was found at his home. He was taken back to the scene and was then charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident.

He was released on his driver’s license and \$100 cash

bond.

Seth J. Gredy, 23, of Hoopeston was arrested after an altercation at BJ’s Pump, 1023 W. Main. He was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 27-year-old Hoopeston man.

Gredy was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Aaron M. Linares, 25, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman in connection with an incident June 30 at Parkview Court.

Linares was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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Briefly

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Farewell open house

A farewell open house for Economic Developer Shannon Ruh will be held from noon-2 p.m. Thursday, July 3 at Hoopeston City Hall.

Everyone is invited to come and wish Shannon well in her new position as urban planner for the City of Peoria.

Thursday, July 3 at the Rossville Village Office Building starting at 6:30 p.m.

Council approves road work bid

Daniel Ribbe Trucking of Bismarck will do Hoopeston’s Motor Fuel Tax work this year.

Ribbe’s bid of \$180,940.26 was accepted by the Hoopeston City Council at its meeting Tuesday night.

A second bid, from Open Road Paving of Champaign, was \$230,598.

Miss Hoopeston to sing

Brooke Judy, Miss Hoopeston will be singing at Hoopeston United Methodist Church 10:30am worship. Please join us.

In other business, Alderman Chuck Davis reported that the cemetery committee is working on a 10-year infrastructure plan at Floral Hill. The plan will be included in the city’s comprehensive plan and will allow the cemetery to apply for grants.

RCO meeting

The regular monthly membership meeting of the Rossville Community Organization will be held on

The council also heard from Alderman Bill Goodwine thanked economic developer Shannon Ruh for all the work she did in her two-year tenure in Hoopeston and “all the things, hopefully, about to happen in Hoopeston,” including a planned motel and Burger King.

Ruh has accepted a position with the City of Peoria as an urban planner. Her last day in her current position is Thursday.

Youth football camp slated

Hoopeston Area High School football program will sponsor a youth football camp July 28-30. Ages kindergarten-fourth grade will have camp from 9-10 a.m., followed by children in grades five-eight from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20 for the younger group and \$25 for the older students.

Registration forms are available at Razor’s Edge in Hoopeston or during youth football signups, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 12, 19, 26 or noon-2 p.m. July 13, 20 and 27 at the Hoopeston Youth Football field.

Weather



Deadline for registration is July 21.

For more information, contact Jeff Ohlemeyer, high school football coach, or Lee Curry at Razor’s Edge.

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 77, low 61. Tomorrow, high 78, low 60.

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

Classifieds

HOUSES FOR RENT

Country 3 BR ranch w/shop. \$500/mo., plus deposit, references. (217) 649-6817
2 BR townhouse in Rossville. Basement, washer/dryer hookup, central air, very large rooms. \$425/mo+deposit. (217) 304-2145

RUMMAGE SALES

928 W. Penn, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain or shine! Boys winter/summer name brand clothes, up to 5T; adult clothes, toys, pictures, king sheets, VHS tapes, lots of misc.
Friday July 4 8 - 12. North of Rossville EVERYTHING HALF PRICE! Women's plus size dress clothing (2X & 3X), new shoes 9 - 9 ½, lots of fabric, ITEMS ADDED, Boyd Bears, rugs, small appliances, seasonal decorations and men's clothing. Silver residence. Turn W at Hubbard Trail Country Club Rd, follow signs, turn R at 3700
Across from Hoopeston Pizza Hut on Rt. 9. Fri. & Sat., 9-? Round oak table w/6 Windsor chairs; maple nightstand, dresser, chest; wooden book cases; antique oak chest, hope chest, antiques, too much more to mention!
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