


Hoopeston American Legion Kitchen will be closed Friday in honor of Labor Day.

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Homeless Christians.....
 There is an Enemy of your soul, life and eternity - and one of his best strategies is to keep you separated from The Body of Christ/Church/Christians (His redeemed/saved, and, yes, imperfect but believing, people)!
 It is one of culture's biggest lies that you don't need to be part of church to know Jesus.
 In America, 75% claim Christianity, but only 35% attend church weekly. How is that working for our culture? God's Word says (Eph. 2) all believers are fellow citizens..built on Jesus..to grow together and be holy... And (Gal. 3) that all followers of Jesus are one in Jesus... in other words, denomination is irrelevant, just attend a Bible believing, Jesus focused church.
 If there is a God and He sent Jesus His only Son to live and die for you-isn't The Creator of the universe worth an hour of your Saturday or Sunday to worship Him?
 Gather together, as The Bible commands This Sunday-please pick a church to attend. We'd love to see you!
1004 E. Orange
 For transportation go to www.hoopestonchurch.org and email, or call **(217) 283-9330**



A fresh coat

Tammie Whitlock-Tetzloff paints a field of corn on a window of the former Weber Drug Store building, after having painted curlicues on another window. She is among man volunteers who came together to spruce up Hoopeston in time for this year's National Sweetcorn Festival. Volunteers and tenants cleaned around the Downtown Motel, others put new yellow paint on curbs after Alderman Randy Carter said the high cost of road salt did not allow for the city to do the annual project, and Jerky at Main and Market was redone by Hoopeston Area art students.

Fourth Annual WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Craft Fair
Saturday, Sept. 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 McFerren Park Civic Center
 Over 40 Vendors!!
 Food and Drinks sold throughout the day
 \$1 admission goes toward raffle prizes.
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Hoopeston Women Making A Difference

Wellington-Greer Fire Department
FISH FRY
 Saturday, Sept. 12
 Wellington Fire Station
 4-7 p.m.
Fish Dinner \$7
 includes fish, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, drink, dessert. Carryouts available. 50/50 Drawing.
Proceeds benefit the Department


Cafe Delights Sit back and enjoy the weekend!
Let us make breakfast!
 417 S. Market, Hoopeston
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The PIT STOP at EAST LANES
 Tuesday: Chicken or Beef & noodles or Speedway Burger
 Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops
 Thursday: Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
 Friday: Cod Dinner Ribeye Steak
 Saturday: OPEN FOR LUNCH AT 11
 Open menu with special starting at 4:30 - Prime Rib and Ribeye
Open Bowling
 all day Tuesday•Friday night•Saturday
Closed Sunday & Monday for Labor Day
ALL YOUTH INTERESTED IN YOUTH LEAGUE - Sign up now!
 League starts Sept. 26!



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Letters to the Editor

Be selfish! Buy locally!

Two weeks ago I needed a small roll of trimmer line (for like a "weed wacker). Fortunately, it was available locally for around \$4 at Olympic Hardware. If I had to go to Danville it would have cost over \$20 in mileage (AAA says it cost over 50¢ a mile to drive a car now). Plus I saved an hour of my time, and my time is worth something (go ahead and laugh).

Last week I needed some lumber. I was able to get everything I wanted at Olympic. Again, \$20 in saved mileage plus my time

More recently I needed a part for my faucet. Plumbing is not one of my better skills. I took the part to Olympic and, of course, they had it. But, Lori said that the part I wanted never wears out. Instead of the \$13 part I went to buy, she sold me a \$3 washer set. Wow! I not only saved the \$20 of mileage and an hour of my time but I was told how to fix my faucet.

Someday, when I need a big order of items, I will be tempted to save a few bucks by going to Danville. But,

I know that places like Olympic can only survive if we give them ALL of our business. It is important to realize that they cannot survive on fill-in business alone. There is not enough margin on fill-in business to live on.

Buying locally has nothing to do with altruistic motives. If I am greedy and want to save money, then for my own wellbeing, I should buy everything I can locally. Only if our local businesses survive will I be able to avoid multiple, frequent, time consuming and expensive trips to Danville for my numerous little fill-in items.

It is your money! Be selfish! Buy locally!

Bill Goodwine
Hoopeston

Progress being made, more needed

It is gratifying to see new businesses in town, regardless of how small, and the on-going process of renovation in downtown, be it small or large. Would that we would keep the momentum going.

I was thrilled to see the photo of the demolition of the
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The Pump

Bar & Package Liquor Store
1023 W. Main, Hoopeston

Mon.: Hot Ham & Cheese w/Curly Fries

Tues.: Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn

Wed.: Tator Tot casserole, Green Beans, Roll

Thurs.: Spaghetti & Garlic bread

Fri.: Ribeye Sandwiches & Pasta Salad

Labor Day Weekend Schedule

Fri., Sept. 4: The band **Country Feel**

Sat. Sept. 5: The band **Feudin Hillbillies**

Sun. Sept. 6: **Golf Cart Contest 1-2:30**

Cornhole Tournament

(Registration 2pm Tourney starts at 3pm)

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food locker but then finding out-whoops!-stoppage. It is hard to comprehend that our city council did not know about permits, EPA regulations and whatever was needed that delayed the progress. If I misunderstood this, I am sure someone will correct me.

It will be great if they can get to the tavern/old vet place on N. Market this year. There are so many that need to be torn down, sorry to say.

In my lifetime, I hope to see the Downtown Motel-gone! Nothing against the people who live there but... Part of the walkway along the used side is falling down! Unless it has been remedied since last I noticed, that is certainly dangerous, either trying to avoid it if possible or it could hit someone below when it goes.

If we do not grow weary, eventually the entire downtown will look nice and not just from the outside. Although at least one building should be demolished - and maybe more - the space could be used as a nice large flower/shrub garden like the other block has. It would be sad to see some go, but when they are dangerous, it needs to be done.

I am somewhat mourning the fire at my "mansion," and was sorry to see it deteriorate before that. I had been in love with it since early childhood. For six years, I walked by and finally got to see inside. My mother and I were walking by and they had an open house sign-Yes! After all those years, finally got to tour and admire.


We have many beautiful older homes in Hoopeston, and sorry to say, if they are not bought and kept up they also will go the way of the wrecking ball.

If we can ever get a larger business going on Route 1 we could really "be in business," so to speak.

Hopefully, we will be able via signage, to direct out of town folks to downtown with a few more upgrades and new businesses. They need a good reason to go there.

And we can do better to let people know they are not welcome if they are drug trafficking. Maybe I am wrong, but it would be worthwhile for a small place for counselors for those who are alcoholics and drug addicts. Not everyone would be helped but at least some!

Keep up the good work!
Alice Lawrence Fink
Hoopeston



St. Anthony Tacos
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 5 p.m. Gates Open—\$3 admission
Display Area, Midway, open
- 5-10 p.m. Ride Special Bracelet Night
- 11 p.m. Midway closes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 5 p.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)
Display Area, Midway open
- 5-10 p.m. Ride Special Bracelet Night
- 6:30 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull (Annex)
Beer Garden opens (Annex)
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
- 7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
- 11 p.m. Midway closes
- 1 a.m. Beer Garden closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 6 a.m. Flea Market Opens
- 7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Honeywell School)
- 8 a.m. Sweetcorn 5 K Run (Honeywell School)
- 8:45 a.m. Little Corn Eaters Run (Honeywell School)
- 9 a.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)
- 9 a.m.-Noon Car Show Registration
- 10:30 a.m. Grand Parade (Downtown Hoopeston)
- Noon Midway, Display Area open
Ride Special Bracelet all day
- 12-5 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
- 12:30 p.m. Brian Headley, Old Time Blacksmith Demo
(West of Corn Line)

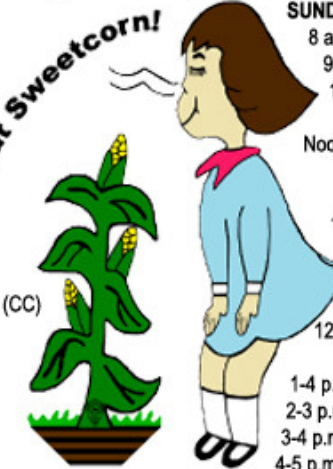
- 1-1:30 Nicole Osier, Hoop Dancer (Center Stage)
- 1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)

1:30-5 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN

- 1:30 p.m. Brian Headley, Old Time Blacksmith Demo
(West of Corn Line)
- 2-3 p.m. Tammy's Dance Arts Center (Center Stage)
- 2:30 p.m. Brian Headley, Old Time Blacksmith Demo
(West of Corn Line)
- 3 p.m. Car Show Awards Presented
- 3-3:30 p.m. Nicole Osier, Hoop Dancer (Center Stage)
- 3:30 Brian Headley, Old Time Blacksmith Demo
(West of Corn Line)
- 4-6 p.m. Doc Ashton & the Root Canals (Center Stage)
- 6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
- 7-10 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
- 7:30 p.m. John Michael Montgomery concert (Annex)
Beer Garden opens (Annex)

- 11 p.m. Midway Closes
- 1 am Beer Garden closes

Smell That Sweetcorn!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
- 9 a.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)
- 11:30 a.m.-Noon Corn Eating Contest Registration
(Center Stage)
- Noon Midway, Display Area open
Ride Special Bracelet all day
Corn Eating Contest (Center Stage)
- 12-1:30 p.m. Sweetheart Autograph Session
(Center Stage)

12-4 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN

- 12-5 p.m. Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
- 12:30-2 p.m. Jani Massey Band and Craig Massey
Live Painting Auction (Center Stage)
- 1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
- 2-3 p.m. HAHS vocal ensembles (Center Stage)
- 3-4 p.m. A Natural High (Center Stage)
- 4-5 p.m. Gordy & Brooke Allen (Center Stage)
Demo Derby (Annex)
- Lawn Mowers 5 p.m. •Power Wheels 6 p.m.
•Street Truck Cash Pull 6:30 p.m.
•Main Feature 7 p.m.

5 p.m.

- 6:30 p.m. National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (CC)
- 10 p.m. Midway closes
Pageant Reception (Civic Center)
- 12 a.m. Beer Garden closes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8 a.m. Flea Market Opens
- 9 a.m. Gates Open (\$3 Admission)
Display Area Opens
Baby Contest Registration (Civic Center)
- 10 a.m. Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (CC)
- Noon Midway opens
Ride Special Bracelet all day
- 12-1 p.m. Coal Black Exotic Animal Show (Center Stage)
- 12-4 p.m. FREE SWEETCORN**
Hoopeston Area FFA Petting Zoo
- 1-3 p.m. High Cotton (Center Stage)
- 1-4 p.m. Raffle (Legion Shelter)
- 3-4 p.m. Coal Black Exotic Animal Show (Center Stage)
- 3:30-4 p.m. Ponytail Contest registration (east of Center Stage)
- 4 p.m. Ponytail Contest (Center Stage)
- 9:00 p.m. Midway closes

Please bring your own chair to sit at the Center Stage
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T-shirt fundraiser to help pay for family's wheelchair van

A t-shirt fundraiser to help Alexis Stonebraker get a wheelchair van is underway.

Transportation is an issue for the 15-year-old Hoopeston resident. Wheelchair-bound, she lives each day with cerebral palsy, severe scoliosis and epilepsy.

The fundraiser will help her family purchase the much-needed wheelchair van.

Lime green t-shirts with the attached artwork are available for \$20. Sizes 2XL - 5XL are \$22. The imprint says, "Do small things with great love, make a big difference," and includes artwork of a van and drawing of Alexis.

Orders will be taken until Tuesday, Sept. 8. Payment is due at the time of order.



For more information or to order, contact Jessica Stonebraker at 217-772-1916.

A tragedy account has also been established at First Farmers Bank. Anyone wanting to donate directly may do so. The account is "Jessica Stonebraker for the benefit of Alexis Stonebraker" First Farmers Bank, Hoopeston.

Weather

Mostly sunny today, then slight chance of thunderstorms. High 90. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 89, low 68. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 90, low 69. Sunday, chance of storms. High 87, low 66.



Photo contributed

Eye in the sky

Festival parade-goers will get a chance to see Hoopeston Area's newest technology, a drone, which took the above picture and which will be part of the parade. Anderson Funeral Home and Anthem Chevrolet partnered with the district to purchase the drone, which can take pictures, film and live-stream to the internet. It will be used to film district games and events and used by high school media internship class students.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

9/1/2015

All items of personal property stored in unit # 87 Jerica Carrington also # 125 Sarah Zamora Tanner and #10 Adelina Vela at budget Mini Storage RT 9 and 6th Ave. Hoopeston Illinois will be disposed of 9/26/15 (per) section 95/4 of the self storage facility act 06-61

RUMMAGE SALES

ROSSVILLE: Rossville Community Rummage Sales will be Labor Day weekend. Watch for signs!

HOOPESTON: 801 S. Fifth St. Fri. 7-2. Moving sale. Women's bike, outside storage boxes, rocker, jogging stroller, living room outfit, Worx blower, men's women's kids (boys and girls), motorcycle pipes (HD) knickknacks, Christmas décor, toys, lots of misc. Come rain or shine.