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Many changes are happening at Anderson Funeral Home, including adding Brock Baker, left, as a licensed funeral director, and Jessica Esteppe as a new employee. Also pictured are Megan and Ryan Anderson, owners.

### Boy coached by Anderson grows to work along with him

When Brock Baker was younger, Ryan Anderson was his baseball coach. Now, Anderson is his boss.

Baker, who became a licensed funeral director, works with Anderson at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main, Hoopeston.

The career choice wasn't something the 25-year-old Baker thought he would choose. Born and raised in Hoopeston, Baker graduated from Hoopeston Area

High School, worked at the former Pamida and studied criminal justice at DACC.

In April of 2009, Baker started doing odd jobs at the funeral home. Anderson "kinda needed someone part time around here to wash cars and things like that," Baker said.

Although he was working for Anderson, Baker didn't See WORK on other side

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Wed.: BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, cinnamon apples & chips  
Thurs.: Tator Tot casserole, pease & roll  
Fri.: Ribeye Sandwiches & Broccoli/Cauli Salad

**Here's what's happening!**

**Oct. 10: Katapult Band!**  
**Oct. 24: Nicholls Wedding, Reception & DJ**  
**Oct. 31: Country Feel Band & Halloween Costume party, ABATE Christmas Raffle at 11 p.m.**

*Come in and try your luck with our LIVE VIDEO GAMING!*

## Briefly

### Maple Madness winner

The October 6 Maple Madness fundraiser winner of \$25 is Jeanie Hesse, of Hoopeston.

### Pumpkin Day fun

Local children ages 3 through sixth grade are invited to enjoy Columbus Day, Oct. 12, with some free "Pumpkin Fun" at Hoopeston Public Library.

Activities begin with pumpkin decorating at 1:30 p.m. All participants will get to decorate their own pumpkin to take home.

At 2 p.m., there will be a showing of a family Halloween movie. Free popcorn and drinks will be provided during the movie. Children ages 8 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the library, 217-283-6711.

### Work continued from other side

consider his employment as working for the funeral home. That, he said, was "not something I ever thought of doing. In April, when I started, I was thinking 'there's no way I'm doing this.'"

Four short months later, in August, Anderson convinced Baker to change his major and he began taking online mortuary science classes through Arapahoe Community College in Denver, Colo.

While most class work was done online, each semester, Baker went to the school to do labs and clinicals, which included working a call center for multiple funeral homes, and learning necessary skills, such as embalming.

As he studied, Baker also spent more time working at the funeral home, always working under Anderson's supervision, whether it was transporting bodies to the funeral home or interacting with families about services for family members.

In 2012, Baker graduated from DACC and Arapahoe Community College and began an internship with Anderson that lasted until August 2014, when Baker became a licensed funeral director.

Baker finds satisfaction in what he does, with its "small town feel. Everybody who comes through here, either I know or my parents or grandparents know. You want to help them."

Baker said he doesn't think he would be doing funeral

### Wrestling signups

Hoopeston Area Wrestling Club will hold youth signups on Tuesdays, Oct. 13 and 20, from 5-7 p.m. in Hoopeston Area High School library. The club is open to youngsters in grades 3-8. Cost is \$60.

New wrestlers must bring a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, contact Coach Logan Patton at [pattonjl@hoopeston.k12.il.us](mailto:pattonjl@hoopeston.k12.il.us) or (217) 260-6556.

Grades kindergarten-second will have a wrestling camp in the spring with Coach Patton and high school wrestlers.

### Coat drive

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is coordinating a coat drive to keep students warm this winter. Sizes needed range from children to adults. Only new or gently used

work if he lived in a bigger city. "I don't think you'd get the same feeling in a small town," he said.

That feeling Baker gets from his work and the appreciation from families are things Baker likes best about his job. What he likes least is the long, varied hours that make scheduling other activities difficult. But appreciation from families "makes the long hours worthwhile," he said.

His work hours will get more hectic now that he's licensed, as Baker can take care of things at the funeral home, allowing Ryan and Megan Anderson to take some time off, or even take a vacation.

When he's not working, Baker - a self-proclaimed "outdoors guy" - enjoys hunting, fishing and sports and spending time with his family. Married to the former Taylor Wolfe, the couple is expecting their first child in November.

Following in his father, Allan Baker's footsteps, Baker is also a member of Hoopeston Fire Department.

While his career is just starting, Baker sees a long future with his former coach and mentor. I plan on sticking with Ryan," he said. "I have no desire to own a funeral home - at least not yet."

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 55. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 79, low 56.

coats will be accepted. No tears, stains or missing buttons, please.

Coats may be dropped off daily until Friday, Oct. 30 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Office (which will be closed Friday, Oct. 9, and Monday, Oct. 12 and closing at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23) or at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Several area churches will also collect coats for this drive.

For more information, contact Amy Linares, Community Liaison, at 283-6664.

### Can collection

Youth from Hoopeston First Church of God are collecting aluminum cans to fund a trip to the state convention on Nov. 20-22 in Peoria. Twenty to 30 youngsters from the church are expected to attend the event. Cans can be dropped off at the church or call 217-283-9330 for pick up.

### From the Blotter

**Alicia M. Gonzalez**, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:54 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of South Sixth Ave. She was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on a notice to appear in traffic court.

A **39-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 6:19 p.m. Monday that someone stole money from her home in the 600 block of East Honeywell.

## Classifieds

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Ravens Livestock and Farms Inc., looking for a local driver. Must have CDL and farm background. Call (217) 304-1523.

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