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Rossville woman seeks donations for family displaced by fire

ROSSVILLE—A local woman is hoping area residents will make Christmas brighter for her family.

Donna Coffey said her daughter's family was displaced from their Rossville home by a fire the day before Thanksgiving.

A small heater is being blamed for the fire, Coffey said, adding that fire, smoke and water damaged everything the family owned. "They have nothing," she said.

The family is currently living with Coffey in her home at 410 N. Church, as they work to clean up the fire scene. The family did not have insurance on the home,

Coffey said.

Rossville Police Chief Bill Shannon said the family has its work cut out for them. "Everything in there got either got burned or smoke damage," he said, suggested a professional cleaning of the home will be needed to make it habitable again.

Donations of all types are welcome, including clothing. See DONATIONS on other side

Briefly

Blue Christmas service

First United Methodist Church of Hoopeston will hold a Blue Christmas service at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Christmas is sometimes not such a joyful time for those who mourn loss of a loved one, relationship, job or other situation. We will come together and acknowledge the loss and seek God's loving light in the darkness.

All are invited to come to this service. It is a good time to invite others who may find such a service a blessing in their lives.

Birthday card shower

A surprise birthday card shower is being held for former Hoopeston resident Chuck Fenwick, who will celebrate his 70th birthday on December 24. Cards may be sent to him at 236 SW Little Rd., Lake City FL 32024.

Library to hold Christmas book sale

The "Almost Last Minute Christmas Shopping" Book Sale" at Hoopeston Public Library starts Monday, Dec. 14, during regular library hours. A large assortment of children's and adult fiction will be available, plus a few other surprises. Everything is priced at \$2 per bag or three bags for \$5. The sale will be held in the upstairs north board room (main level).

VFW Menu
 Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston
Tacos by Norma
 Thursdays 11a - 2p & 5p - 8p
 *No call-in orders from 5p - 8p
VFW Post 4826 Members:
 New meeting time
 6 p.m. 2nd Tues. of each month.

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 Red Tag Specials at Rod's Home & Auto
 Pizza King Specials
 Free hot apple cider at Computer Works + 10% off

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Merry Christmas

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 Wed., Thurs. Fri., 9-4, Sat. 9-1

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Letters to the Editor

Chamber president thanks for event

Hoopeston Chamber would like to congratulate the Multi Agency "Rising Leaders" for receiving the most votes for their Christmas tree at the Magical Express Event. Voting was very close & everyone did a great job!

Other tree entries were from Family Health Care of Hoopeston, Knuth's Body Shop, Learn & Lead Academy, Carle, McDonalds, Memory Lane Preschool & Simply Treasures.

We would also like to thank committee members, volunteer's and those who donated to make this event a success.

Committee Members: Brenda Judy/Cell One, Brandi Totheroh/First Farmers Bank & Trust, Sandie Smith/Country Financial, Nikki Trueblood/Mainsource Bank, Carol Hicks/Historical Society, the Rev. Tom CiCi/First Christian Church, the Rev. Cathy - United Methodist Church; Valarie Hinkle/Family Health Care Of Hoopeston.

Thank you to organizations for helping make the evening a success, including Hoopeston Multi Agency and director Maria Sermersheim and family; City of Hoopeston employees Marta Pierce and Gunner Watson, along with Eugene, Paul and Roger of the Parks Department; Hoopeston Area School District and bus drivers Tina Samet, Myra Goodrum & Denise Bray; Hoopeston Fire Department/Chad Bruens/Josh Miller; Santa Mike Bane & all of Santa's helpers; Mrs. Clause, Carol Hicks.

Also, Alexis Halley, Charity Milner, Jessie and Andy Atchie family, First Christian Church, Church Of God youth group and pastors and Bill and Sue McGee, Hoopeston Junior Women's Club, Women Making a Difference, McDonald's, Carle, Hoopeston IGA, Blur-

ton Funeral Home, Café Delights and WHPO.

A huge thank you to the City Of Hoopeston and all the businesses that donated to light McFerren park to bring business to our community and enjoyment to all, and to those that help put the lights up and take them down.

All of these events take a lot of work with limited volunteers - please consider joining a group and help to work together to support our community!

A Huge Thank you to all!

Have a very merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year!

Blessings,
 Valarie Hinkle
 Hoopeston Chamber President

Obituaries

GARRISON - Olive H. (Anderson) Garrison, 94, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, at Iroquois Memorial Resident Home. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

STONE - Granville C. "Stoney" Stone, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, at

Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a report made at 10:57 a.m. Friday that someone wrote graffiti on Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 302 N. Market.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Part-time position at Hoopeston Public Library: covering evenings and Saturday hours. Requirements: high school diploma, good interpersonal skills, ability to shelve books, some lifting, basic computer skills, work flexible hours, and willingness to learn new duties as assigned. Applications available at front desk. Apply by December 18, 2015.

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for a Personal Aide at Hoopeston Area High School starting January 4, 2016. Application deadline is December 23, 2015.

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- 3-year-old male, size 3-4 clothes, size 10 shoes.
- 17-year-old female, size 14 jeans, M-L tops, size 7 shoes.
- 21-year-old female, size 5 jeans, S-M tops, size 7 shoes.
- 18-year-old male - 34x32 jeans, L shirts, size 11 shoes.

For more information or for donations, call Coffeey, (217) 260-9727.

Weather

Breezy, chance of showers today. High 52. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 36, low 27.