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**WINGS** by Sylvia

**VFW**

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**Milford eatery to hold Relay for Life fundraiser Saturday**

MILFORD—The Hangout and the Bernadine and late Ralph Buswell Family are teaming up again this year in their fight against cancer.

A fundraiser is planned for Saturday, Feb. 27, from 5-9 p.m. at The Hangout, 106 E. Jones. Plain or BBQ pulled pork dinners will be served starting at 5 pm. Dinners are \$8, or \$9 for carry outs.

A silent auction will be held throughout the evening, ending at 9 p.m. If anyone would like to donate something for the auction, please drop it by The Hangout or

call 815-889-9902 for someone to pick it up.

Please mail all monetary donations to Karen Brasel, 406 E. Lyle Street, Milford, IL 60953.

The Relay For Life "Team Mara" set a goal of \$5,000 for this year. This is the 16th Relay the Buswell family has participated in in their fight against cancer.

Team member Amanda Buswell German, has worked hard to raise funds for Iroquois County's Relay For Life and is an employee at the American Cancer Society in Champaign.

**Bill aims to offer cost cutting of mandated school services**

Illinois schools could soon be able to put more money into classrooms thanks to legislation filed by State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) that would enact meaningful mandate relief for all K-12 schools.



BARICKMAN

"Countless state mandates impact nearly every aspect of every district across our state," said State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington). "Relief from these costly mandates is essential to giving districts the flexibility they need, and allows them to direct their limited resources to the classroom, where they are needed the most."

Senator Barickman introduced his legislation during a press conference at a school in Lombard, along with Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner. The bill takes a three pronged approach to reducing costly state mandates on schools, which could save schools \$200 million statewide.

Districts would be able to adopt a policy to allow certain students to be released from mandatory P.E.

classes, if the students are taking part in equivalent activities, such as sports. Schools would be required to hold a public hearing before adopting the policy.

Schools would be able to save money on expensive driver's education training by contracting with private companies that offer driver training curriculum for high school students.

The legislation also makes it easier for school districts to utilize private contractors for services such as cleaning and food preparation, by eliminating current requirements that make it more costly to use outside vendors. This is similar to laws already in place for Chicago schools, but would extend the freedom to all public schools in Illinois.

"Our schools have been struggling for years under the weight of costly unfunded mandates and limited financial resources," said Senator Barickman. "Every dollar we can save our schools is one more that can be spent on educating students in the classroom."

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**Grant Writing 101 & 102**

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## Briefly

### VFW seeks members

Are you a veteran of a foreign war? Buddy Egnew Post 4826 wants you to join! Stop in and talk to any member on how to join and what the VFW can do for you, or call (217) 283-5025.

### Library Trivia Night

A free Trivia Night for teens and adults will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Bring your own team of 2-5 people, or come solo and we will put you on a team. Refreshments will also be served.

### Elder abuse information to be presented

Learn how to recognize and report and neglect of senior citizens and disabled adults at a presentation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The program will be presented by CRIS Adult Protective Services. For information, call (217) 283-5544.



Photo contributed

### Wands at the ready

Hoopeston area youngsters, and some older fans, attend Harry Potter Day at Hoopeston Public Library. Held on Presidents' Day, the event featured crafts, stories and other activities related to the famous wizard.

### The gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together for seniors at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

### School blood drive

HAHS Student Council will host a blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 27 in the high school gym. To make an appointment, go to [bloodcenterimpact.org](http://bloodcenterimpact.org) and use sponsor code 70860 or call Ashley Gondzur at the high school at (217) 283-6661.

### Fishing club seeks anglers

North Vermilion Bass Club is looking for fishermen for monthly fishing tournaments from April 3-October 9. The club fishes area lakes on Sundays from 6-12. If interested call Steve Mastin, 217-495-0072. or the next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 2 at Fast Lanes.

## From the Blotter

A 52-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 1:10 p.m. Monday that someone stole an antique wheelbarrow from his property in the 800 block of South Fifth St.

A Parkview Court resident reported at 4:01 p.m. Monday that someone took a video surveillance camera.

John Peznowski, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:04 p.m. to the 300 block of West Penn. Found to be wanted on an Edgar County warrant for failure to appear/aggravated DUI, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

## Obituaries

**BROWN** - Clarence "Sonny" Brown, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016, at home. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Graveside service will follow at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to the family, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

## Weather

Winter Storm Watch 6 a.m. Wednesday to 6 a.m. Thursday. Today, snow, breezy. High 35. Accumulations 3-7 inches possible. Tonight, snow likely, windy, with gusts up to 44 mph. New accumulation 1-3 inches. Tomorrow, chance of snow, breezy. High 33, low 21.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Social Service agency in Hoopeston, IL has immediate opening for the position of Executive Director. Qualifications include experience in program management including youth and senior programs, supervision of staff, fundraising, grant writing, and an Associate's Degree or more is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send resume and cover letter to the Hoopeston Multi Agency, c/o Wade Meranda, 206 S. First, Hoopeston, IL 60942 by March 1, 2016.

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