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## Hoopeston Area alum is named to Farm Credit Services post

Farm Credit Illinois recently welcomed Reid Walder, of Savoy, as a vice president in the credit services division to the cooperative's central office in Mahomet.

Walder grew up on his family's Vermilion County grain farm and graduated from Hoopeston Area High School. He attended Danville Area Community College before receiving his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Phoenix.

Walder is currently working towards his Master of Business Administration degree



WALDER

through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and plans to complete the program in spring 2017.

Prior to joining the FCI team, he spent six years in the credit industry, most recently at the Heartland Bank & Trust Company of Champaign as an assistant vice president in commercial lending.

Walder is a big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is the son of Steve and Kathy Walder of Hoopeston and has a brother and sister, Reagan and Morgan.

## Briefly

### Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley, 719 W. Elm. This month's meeting will be on December 15.

The group is open to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

### Free bowling party

Fast Lanes and Anderson Funeral Home will hold a free pizza party for Rossville-Alvin and Hoopeston Area seventh and eighth grade students. The party will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Bowling will be provided by Fast Lanes and pizza and soda will be provided by Anderson Funeral Home.

Parents are encouraged to come with their students. Information will be provided.

### Santa for Seniors

Grant Township Assessor's Office is once again sponsoring Santa for Seniors and is asking for donations from

residents. Items needed include canned foods, teas, hot chocolate mixes, snacks, full size bottles of personal hygiene products, puzzles, games, ornaments, night lights and note pads. Other items will be accepted.

Donations will be collected until December 19 and may be dropped off at totes at First United Methodist Church, New Beginnings Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Church of God, Grant Township office and the home of Stephen and Holly Eyrich.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Cinema Classics @ the Library**, Wednesday, Dec. 14. A free showing at 1 p.m. of the holiday classic movie, "White Christmas," for adults. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be provided.

"Cooking the Books" cookie exchange at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Select a recipe from the collection at the main desk. Library staff will copy the recipe for you. Bring four dozen cookies to the exchange - 3 dozen for exchanging, one dozen for sharing and sampling.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Rebuilding America's workforce

We have heard of plans to put this nation's middle class back to work in jobs that will enable our workforce to be able to support their families. These are good hopes and wishes.

Unlike the era of FDR, when a lot of sweat and a strong back built some of our roads and infrastructures under the WPA and other government programs, today the work force needed is a skilled work force. There are 10 industries that, in the next decade, will be short of qualified, skilled workers to fill the openings that will be available:

**Health care:** We already know there will be a shortage of doctors, because there is a shortage this very day. In the next decade there, will be a shortage of 103,900 nurses to fill hospital jobs, and 7,800 physical therapists.

**Energy:** There will be 40% of the employees that supply your energy retiring (it has already begun).

**Mining, oil, gas and extraction:** The demand will

be increasing.

**Technology:** There will be 34% more software programmers, and 20% more system analysts needed.

**Engineering:** There will be a shortage of 88% of skilled workers.

**Biotech:** There won't be enough technicians to staff our labs.

**Sales:** The often forgotten salesmen that create the needed demand for products will have a 72% shortage.

**Manufacturing:** Because so much of industry has evolved, employees needed will have to run and repair machines and robots.

**Child care:** There will be a shortage of 532,100 new skilled child care people in the next decade.

**Construction:** There is a 68% shortage of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, welders, and other skilled builders in this nation right now.

What does all this mean?

For this nation to be able to fill all these jobs plus

those not mentioned, there is going to have to be a lot of training done.

For the most part, these jobs cannot be taught just out of a book; on the job training will be necessary. Most employers cannot afford to hire people that are not skilled (they cannot train them).

So, it looks to me like our government needs some sort of a program to help train the people that are going to be needed to fill these jobs, and insure that this nation's economy and the middle class workers are in

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good shape.

What do you think?

Tom Evans  
Hooperton

## Court Dispositions

October 6

**Theodore Cano**, Hooperton, status check November 3.

**Mary Vaughn**, Hooperton, status check November 3.

**James Mills**, Hooperton, status check November 3.

**Beth Ann Williams**, Hooperton, status check November 3.

**Dakota Daugherty**, Hooperton, case turned over to Illinois comptroller for further enforcement.

**Michael Ravellette**, Goodwine, status check November 3.

**Gary Wilson**, Hooperton, status check November 3.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 21. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 5. Tomorrow, sunny, cold. High 9, low 6.

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