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A variety of perennial plants get a little night light from an updated City of Hoopeston sign at Rt. 1 and West Main St. City of Hoopeston sign gets lights, landscaping in upgrade

"We'll leave a light on for you," a tagline for a national motel chain, could be a new motto for Hoopeston.

The City of Hoopeston sign on Rt. 1 and West Main has received fresh landscaping and bright lights to welcome people to the community.

The project was a joint effort between city departments, said Marta Pierce, water billing clerk, who volunteered her efforts - and those of her family - on the project.

The idea for the improvements started last summer when Pierce and the late Randy Carter discussed the need to brighten the gateway to our community, Pierce said. At the start of this year, Mayor Bill Crusinberry gave her the go-ahead.

The area has been landscaped previously, but the area had some issues. The area is significantly lower than the adjacent property. Rainwater would run off the north and east of the corner into the area of the sign. That, combined with poorly-draining clay soil, caused plants to drown.

Pierce discussed the problems with her husband, Bobby, who was in the landscape business for more than 30 years, son, Evan, who has an associate's degree in landscape design, and Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, since the area is under the parks department for care and mowing. Discussion centered on plants that See SIGN on other side Let me quote your home and auto and I will buy you lunch next door at Mr. B's COUNTRY sandie.smith@countryfinancial.com uto and home insurance policies issued by COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company®, COUNT eferred insurance Company®, or COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company®, Bloomington,



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- Tues.: No lunch/dinner service. However, \$5 Back Door Pizzas, \$3 Red Hot Dogs, \$1.50 drafts, FREE POOL (every Tuesday)
- **Ribeye Philly Steak Sandwich & Tater Tots** Wed .:
- Thurs.: Turkey Manhattan
- Fri.: **Ribeye Sandwich & Broccoli Cauliflower** Salad

No LUNCH service Monday, July 31-Friday, Aug. 4 Dinner will still be served.

Regular food services will resume on August 7.

Starting August 8 for lunch & dinner TACOS BY NORMA!

Free Pool Every Tuesday! Come in and Try Your Luck with Our LIVE VIDEO GAMING! (Soon to be private gaming)

Area magician Andy Dallas to perform at Lorraine Saturday

Magic by Dallas and Company will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lorraine Theatre.

Andy Dallas, a world renowned magician, hypnotist, lecturer and escape artist, has performed for more than 30 years and is accredited with top achievements in the magic community, such as being 2006-07 national president of the Society of American Magicians, M.I.M.C. title held by the Magic Circle in London, England, Order of the Merlin, member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and has been a part of producing youth and adult state magic events.

Local performers Maya Webber, Trent Pilcher and Hannah Bell will set the state for Andy Dallas with a pre-show performance at the theater.

Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at Hoopeston City Hall Water Department, DACC Higher Learning Center, Hoopeston; Marathon, and the Little Lorraine during show times and at the door Saturday evening.





The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to the Rossville Fire Station at 1 p.m. Thursday for The Gathering, a monthly social event sponsored by RCO.

Baseball practice starting

Hoopeston Area Middle School baseball practice for all students entering grades 6-8, will begin July 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

At the library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Teen Fun, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday in the teen room.

Obituaries

JOHNSON - Gary Arthur Johnson, 75, of rural Rankin, died March 15, 2017. A remembrance service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Grade Lutheran Church, Rankin. A light dinner will follow at the church. As a memorial, please consider a donation to the church or a kind and generous act.



"Cooking the Books," BBQ is this month's theme. Stop at the main desk and choose a recipe from the special cookbook selection. We'll copy it, you take it home, prepare the dish and bring it to the library to share with others from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

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thrive in wet conditions, along with making the bed smaller and adding a berm to direct water away from the bed.

Parks department employees removed existing pavers and mulch and kept the area clear as Pierce and her husband worked. The pavers and existing plants were incorporated into the upgraded, smaller bed.

The Pierces began planting around the sign, with 12 purple salvias in the front to go along with Little Princess Spirea, daylilies and variegated hostas. New shrubs on each side of the sign include a Superstar Spirea and two Ninebarks.

Once the bed was planted, the water department reinstalled the pavers, brought in good soil and built the berm. The Pierces then planted 11 Emerald Green Arborvitae and two Superstar Spireas on each end of the berm. Previous mulch was returned to the area but did not cover the entirety. New mulch was ordered from C&D for the sign area and also the bed on the south side of Main for a coordinated appearance.

Lighting was not in the original discussion but the civic improvement committee had available funds so Pierce asked Gene Roach of Genco Electric to look into LED lighting that would go on the sign, not on the ground. Pierce said years ago, the sign had lights but they had

broken off and not been replaced.

She would like to add more lights to the berm, if next year's budget will allow it.

The total cost of the project was \$3,296.09, with \$2,100 for lighting, \$633.59 for perennials and shrubs and \$562.50 for mulch. The new design and plant choices are expected to last for many years.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 86. Tonight, mostly cloudy, then heavy rain. Low 71. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely, then partly cloudy. High 81, low 63.

From the Blotter

Mona Lisa Perez, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:32 p.m. Monday to the 200 block of East Wyman for a domestic battery in progress.

Perez was charge with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Classifieds

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Hoopeston: Handicap accessible. Clean, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apt in 4-Plex. Refrigerator, stove, W/D hookups. Full basement. Walk to shopping. Nice yard. No pets, Non smoking. Available September 1. 217-260-8762.

HELP WANTED

Our growing chiropractic office in Hoopeston is looking for an employee who enjoys talking with people and getting out in the public. Must be dependable, team oriented, and have a flexible schedule. Are you that person? This position consists of marketing and sales duties and is a full time position. Please send resume to: Box C, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942.

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Ravens Livestock and Farms Inc., is looking for a local driver. Must have CDL and farm background. Also looking for seasonal help, no CDL required. Call (217) 304-1943.

The City of Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications for a part time police officer. PTI certification preferred. Applications can be picked up at the Hoopeston Police Department or found online at <u>www.hoopeston</u> police.org.

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