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## Hoopeston Post Office marks 100 years in current building

Tucked away in various nooks and crannies of the Hoopeston Post Office are treasurers from days gone by: weighty metal badges that identified city carriers by route number, sturdy delivery bags, still in good shape, although unused in years; a pushcart used to transport mail to and from the post office and rail depot.

Some of those items will be on display this week as Hoopeston Post Office marks its 100th anniversary on October 5.

Postmaster Julie McCrory said a customer appreciation day will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Snacks and refreshments will be served and residents can view postal memorabilia from bygone years, as well as photographs taken during the construction phase of the present post office, at 314 S. Market.

As part of the special day, customers who purchase the new Forever stamps honoring the 100th anniversary of air mail will be entered into a drawing for prizes, McCrory said.

The present post office opened for business on October 5, 1918, but Hoopeston had mail service since 1871, the year the city was founded.

The post office was established October 25, 1871, with the first regular mail received December 9. Mail brought to Hoopeston by train began January 1, 1872.

Postal services were offered in a few locations early on, including the storeroom of Lukens and Mullin, at the corner of Main and Bank. In 1872, it moved one door west of Lukens and Mullin.

In 1873, then-Postmaster James M.R. Spinning leased the first floor of the Chronicle building, then at Main and



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Bank.

In the early days of postal service, residents went to the post office to get mail and take care of other business. During its history, Hoopeston's various post offices have served not only to dispense and receive mail but also as a gather point for residents to catch up with each other and also do a little shopping for newspapers, and periodicals, along with school supplies and cigars. According to printed reports, Postmaster Spinning, who received a \$12 per year salary, operated a store, of sorts, from the post office.

In 1872, it was reported in the North Vermilion Chronicle that the money order system was needed very much but that the local office did not generate enough revenue to allow it. Permission was granted in July 1873.

Rural delivery was done by horse and buggy and collection boxes were placed in outlying areas allowing rural residents to deposit outgoing mail. In about 1903, that changed. City delivery began and nearly all rural collection boxes were brought into the city for use at collection points around Hoopeston.

Money for the existing post office was appropriated by Congress in 1910, after ex-postmaster William Finley, and Charles Warner, along with other residents, lobbied "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who represented the 18th Congressional district. Due to various delays, funding was unavailable until 1917, when construction was started. The federal building cost \$10,000 to erect and furnish.

Newspapers at the time of the building's opening called attention to its attractiveness and fireproof quality and the spaciousness of the grounds, which drew compliments from visitors of the day.

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### Football team gets second win of season

Junior Vaughn Black scored three of the Cornjerkers four touchdowns, leading to a 26-20 win over Westville Friday night.

Black logged seven receptions and 202 yards in his scoring quest, along with a seven-yard kick return and a 14-yard punt return for a total of 223 yards.

Senior Jacob Catron had three receptions for 29 yards and added the fourth TD to the tally.

Kicker Carson Alwardt added the final points with two PATs.

Quarterback Marcus Blurton was 12 of 20 passing, with 283 total yards on the night.

Senior Cory Moore's 10 solo tackles led in that category. He also had three assists. When it came to solo and assisted tackles, senior Anthony Colunga led the team with eight of the former and six of the latter.

On defense, junior Levi Fivecoat had one interception; Elijah Venecia had two pass PDs and Black had one.

Alwardt had five kick-offs for 256 yards on the game and senior Jordan Mance led in kickoff returns

with one for 33 yards. Catron had four punts for 148 yards.

The win brings the Hoopeston Area/Schlarman Academy/Armstrong-Potomac co-op team to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the VVC.

The Cornjerkers will take on Salt Fork in away action Friday.

### Soccer

A 1-1 tie with Unity on September 17 brought Hoopeston Area soccer to 9-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

Unity scored first, at 37:33 on an Evan Bacer goal from Andrew Miller. With 4:32 left in the half, Brennan Granados scored with the assist going to Carson Alwardt.

The second half was scoreless.

The team experienced their first loss of the season, dropping 4-0 to Herscher on September 24.

After a scoreless first half, Herscher scored at 22:50, 14:02, 11:22 and 1:40.

## Court Dispositions

### August 2

**Lacey Simpson**, Hoopeston, case dismissed.

**Jamie Moser**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

**Jadyn Nowell**, Rossville, status check September 6.

**Amy Stephen**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

**Jeffrey Davis**, found guilty of trespassing, fined \$180; status hearing September 6.

**Adam Nelson**, Hoopeston, case dismissed.

**Joshua Wesssels**, Hoopeston, new trial date September 6.

**Kaitlin McGill**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

**Alexis Schroeder**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

**Alexander Winchester**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

**Mariana Hernandez**, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

## Weather

Chance of showers today. High 80. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 66. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy, chance of thunderstorms late. High 87, low 70.

## Sports Shorts

### Golf

Hoopeston Area defeated Oakwood, 218-233 in the Senior Night match on September 24 at Hubbard Trail.

Graham Eighner was team medalist with 46. Keegan Roark, who has led the team all season, came in at 55 on the par 36 course.

Oakwood's Logan Hoshauer was meet medalist with a 42.

The win brings the team to 2-15

## From the Blotter

A 55-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12:15 p.m. Sunday that, without her permission, someone took a spider plant from a hallway at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell.

**Elyscha Wells**, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman reported a violation of an order of protection.

The offense occurred at 8:55 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of South Fourth St.

Wells had left the scene but was located, charged with violation of an order of protection and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:20 a.m. Saturday for an activated fire alarm in the 300 block of West Main. The alarm was found to be malfunctioning.

## Classifieds

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