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## Thad Matta signs to be taken down on IDOT regulations

Signs proclaiming Hoopeston as "Home of Big 10 Coach Thad Matta" lasted one year longer than Matta's career at Ohio State and 12 years longer than current IDOT regulations.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry told aldermen that Matta's signs will have to come down after Illinois Department of Transportation representatives said such

signs must be removed after a year.

The restriction was discovered while researching a request from Truman Page for a sign honoring his son, Crusinberry said.

Matta's signs were put up shortly after the HAHS basketball standout, signed on at Ohio Statue in July 2004. On June 5, 2017, Ohio State announced it was  
See SIGN on other side



Photo contributed

### Newly installed

Masonic Star Lodge 709 Hoopeston installed new officers November 26. Pictured are, from left, Shane Cade, Senior Deacon; David Barron, Junior Deacon; Paul Kelnhofer, Senior Warden; Bob Porth, Master; Darrin Horton, Junior Warden; Jeff Wise, Secretary; Chip Houmes, Treasurer; and Don Barron, Tyler. Other officers are Steve Eyrich, Chaplain, DJ McCalla, Senior Steward and Jimmy Goodrum, Marshall.

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From the Blotter

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 12:02 a.m. in the 200 block of North Market.

According to police, an unknown driver, in a 1995 Toyota Avalon, owned by Pam Kitchens, of Hoopeston, was northbound on Market, crossed the center line and hit a parked 2007 Ford Focus, owned by Daniel Connor, also of Hoopeston.

The Toyota pushed the Ford into a neighbor’s yard before coming to a stop. The driver of the Toyota left



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the area before officers arrived.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

A **15-year-old** boy was charged with breach of peace constituting disorderly conduct after police allege he made loud, lewd comments while speaking with officers. The incident occurred at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday at Maple and Sixth St.

The boy was released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **59-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 9:43 p.m. Tuesday that the money box for Christmas lights at McFerren Park had been broken into and money stolen. Police are investigating.

Obituaries

**FARNEY** - Laverne Farney, 93, of Cissna park, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Friday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements.

**HOWARD** - Helen Louise (Carlson) Howard, 97, of South Holland, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:43 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 at HCR Manorcare, Homewood. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m.

Local man found dead in vehicle

County officials are investigating the death of a local man found dead in his vehicle Monday evening east of Rossville.

Vermilion County Sheriff’s Department received a call regarding a vehicle in a ditch. Deputies arrived to find the man in the driver’ seat, deceased.

An autopsy is scheduled to determine the cause of death, however foul play is not suspected and the man did not appear to have accident-related injuries. The man may have become confused, was on the wrong road and was trying to turn around when he went into the ditch, according to reports.

The man called his family to tell the where he was and to ask that they come get him. While they were en route, a driver saw the vehicle in the ditch and called 911 with the location.

The man’s name was not released The Vermilion County Coroner’s office by press time, pending notification of family.

Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library are:

**Caring for Your Holiday Plants**, 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

**Builders’ Club**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. For kids in grades K-5.

**Tiny Tots** story program, 10:30 a.m. Friday. For kids 0-4 and their caregivers.

**Retirement open house** for Carol Arnold, 3-7 p.m. Friday. Current and former patrons and friends are invited to stop by during the Open House to visit with Carol and wish her well in her retirement. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Military addresses sought

Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary is planning to send Christmas cards to active duty service members. Anyone with the address of a service member is asked to send it to Hoopeston American Legion, Attn: Linda, P.O. Box 423, Hoopeston IL 60942. Deadline is December 8.

**Old tapes available**

Hoopeston Area High School has old VHS and other tapes and some DVDs that span 30 plus years of graduations, sporting and other events. Anyone interested in them is asked to schedule an appointment to go through them by calling (217) 283-6661 before December 20.

Classifieds

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1 BR, single/double occupancy efficiency apartments available at Princess Apartments, Hoopeston. \$450/mo., \$450 deposit. Clean, secure building. All utilities, refrigerator, stove included, coin laundry available on premises. No pets. Pick up application at Bricks and Ivy Sports, 201 E. Main St.

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Sign continued from other side

looking for someone to take over the school’s basketball program.

Kevin Root, a friend of Matta’s and former Cornjerker basketball coach and athletic director, said he would like to have the signs, with one displayed at the school and the other perhaps going to Matta.

As for Page’s request, it was tabled until the council develops criteria for signs. Once that is established, if Page’s request meets those and he is willing to foot the bill, he will be able to order a sign.

In other business, Crusinberry said the city’s request for a 12-year tax increment financing extension has passed both the Illinois House and Senate and is on Gov. Bruce Rauner’s desk waiting for his signature.

Crusinberry also told the audience that Steve Rhodes, sexton at Floral Hill Cemetery, died this week. “He was a very loyal employee for 30 years,” Crusinberry said.

Weather

Chance of snow today. High 33. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 17. Tomorrow, sunny. High 28, low 17.