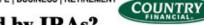




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Hoopeston venues offering country entertainment Friday

Area country music fans will have their pick of entertainment Friday night.

At 7 p.m., the Lorraine Theater will host Johnny Cash tribute artist Doug Allen Nash and starting at 8:30 p.m., Texas Country Music Star Landon Dodd and the Dancehall Drifters will perform at Fast Lanes.

Nash is an Illinois native who grew up on a farm between rock Island and Galena. Now living in Dal-

Superintendent search begins

Hoopeston Area School Board has begun its search for a new superintendent.

The board held a special meeting Tuesday evening to begin the process. Before going into executive session, President Mark Schaumburg said the board has candidates. He called selecting candidates for first and second interviews, followed by board deliberation to name a superintendent a "time consuming process."

The board's goal is to have a new superintendent by July 1, or the start of school at the latest.

On March 17, the board approved a mutual separation agreement with Supt. Suzzette Hesser, currently in her second year of a three-year contract. Hesser will finish the school year as superintendent.

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The Blossom Basket 16 E. Lyle St. Sue Crawford Milford, IL Ph. 815 471-5289 Like us on Facebook at The Blossom Basket - Milford, IL las, he has performed the Johnny Cash tribute for 10 years. He got the idea of the tribute to Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, after conversations with The Man in Black. He met Cash for the first time in Copenhagen Denmark, when Nash was on a USO tour and Cash was heading back to Nashville.

Nash has toured for six years overseas, in 87 countries. That's the downside of what the musician does. "Traveling can get tiresome," he said.

The coolest part of doing the tribute, Nash said, is he gets to connect with his audience in every performance.

A writer and publisher, Nash has scored international hits with "Long Legged Guitar Pickin' Man" and "If I give My Soul," reaching No. 5 and 14 on Eu-

See COUNTRY on other side

Shimkus accepting high school art for annual competition

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-15) is accepting entries for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition. The contest is open to high school students in the Illinois 15th Congressional District.

Entries are due by May 1.

"This is an annual competition that we are pleased to participate in," Shimkus said. "The winning artwork from my district will be displayed in Washington, DC, in a tunnel that connects the Cannon House Office Building to the Capitol. Thousands of staff and visitors will see the artwork each day."

Acceptable mediums include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, photographs, computer-generated art, and mixed media. Artwork must be two-dimensional, no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches by four inches including the frame, cannot weigh more than 15 pounds, and must be original in content. Entry forms

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rope's top 200 Country Chart. In the tribute, he introduces one of his own songs, "June," co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville. The engineering mix was done by Grammy award winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner.

Prior to the tribute, a free will donation dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with three of Johnny Cash's favorite foods - chili, cornbread and peanut butter cookies - as well as potato soup.

Tickets to Johnny Cash Tribute An American Icon

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and a full list of guidelines is available at shim-kus.house.gov/art.

The winning entry will be chosen by a panel from the district, and the winner will be displayed on Shimkus' website and Facebook page. The winning artist is then invited to participate in a ceremony in Washington, and Southwest Airlines will fly him or her and a guest out to DC for free.

Art teachers and participants may contact Kristen Shull, at 618-252-8271 or via email at Kristen.Schull@mail.house.gov, for more information.

are \$28 in advance and are available at City Hall, Mr. B's, Treasured Roots and Hoopeston DACC Higher Learning Center. Will-call tickets are also available online at thelorainetheatre.com for \$29.97 (includes service fee. Tickets at the door will be \$30.

Landon Dodd and The Dancehall Drifters play traditional country music and western swing. Playing guitar and doing vocals since 1992, Dodd said Faron Young was the biggest influence on his music.

Dodd got his first guitar at age 17 from his dad, fell in love with it and knew playing and singing would

From the Blotter

Skylar Pickett, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police received a call at 6 p.m. Tuesday about a fight in the 1000 block of West Honeywell. After investigating, Pickett was charged with aggravated battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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Dodd will be joined by Dennis Stroughmatt, of southern Illinois, with his L'Esprit Creole sound, and Hoopeston's own Terry Buhrmester.

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