

April Shower of Savings
20% off Full Service Oil Change
 10W30, 5W30 or 5W20 w/coupon. Expires 4/30/19
Hoopeston Express Lube

 Rtes. 1 & 9, Hoopeston
 (217) 283-5373
 www.quicklube4u.com


Pete Sollars
 Painting Specialist
 golfs56@hotmail.com
 (217) 772-1956
Interior & Exterior Painting
 Old Fashioned Service, New Ideas, Fresh Paint
 Fast, Friendly and Professional

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES
Monday: Taco Salads, Spaghetti or Tenderloin (grilled or breaded)
Tuesday: Chicken or Beef & Noodles and Speedway Burgers
Wednesday: Rib eye sandwiches, Pork Chops and Prime Rib sandwiches
Thursday: Swiss Steak and Popcorn Shrimp
Friday: Cod sandwiches or dinners and Rib eyes
Saturday: Prime Rib and Rib eyes
Sunday: Lunch Special: Rib eye Sandwiches
Remember we're open for breakfast 7 days a week from 6-10 Mon.-Fri. & 6-1:30 Sat. & Sun.!
Open Bowling
Mon. Tues. & Fri., 4-close., Sat. 11-close
Good luck to Riley Miller & Landon Mills in IESA Bowling Sectionals Saturday!

Email: publish@justthefacts.net Phone/Fax: (217) 283-9348
Just the Facts Lourdine Florek, Owner
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
 Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!
 P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942 www.justthefacts.net



Russ Leigh, left, and Logan Cronk and Vicki Haugen of Vermilion Advantage, share a light moment during Monday's committee of the whole meeting of the Hoopeston City Council. The meeting was to provide officials with information on the planned truck stop at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Officials updated on truck stop plans in hopes of funding move

Hoopeston aldermen met with economic development members Monday night to discuss a truck stop planned at Rtes. 1 and 9.

The truck stop is part of a multi-phase development plan formulated by Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation (HRVF), which also includes restaurants, retail space and a hotel.

The plan calls for Casey's General Store to build a 5,000 sq. ft. truck stop on the former Dick Jones property, now owned by HRVF, and the building owned by Hooterville Broadcasting, Inc., which houses Subway and other businesses. Casey's is expected to buy both parcels and raze the buildings to build the truck stop.

On March 15, Valarie Hinkle, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce president, announced that smaller tenants in the Hooterville Broadcasting building would relocate to

the First Farmers Bank & Trust building on Bank St.

Subway franchise holders Daman and Michelle Fairbanks have a multi-year lease in their current location but have been looking for a suitable new site. They plan to move into the now-vacant First Farmers' location at Rtes. 1 and 9.

That building will take "an extreme amount of work" and cost "a hefty amount" to meet Subway corporate standards, Damon Fairbanks said. The walls will need to be raised one to two feet and a new roof put on, plus a new kitchen and interior. Very little from the existing store will transfer to the new one, he said.

After recently purchasing five stores, "we can't fund the project ourselves," Fairbanks added. They will pay the bulk of the costs but are asking for \$175,000 in out-

See MOVE on other side

3 ROOMS CARPET CLEANING
\$99*
LIMBACHS' 217-495-1134
 EXP. 4/30/19

 *Rooms over 250 sq.ft., Great Rooms, LR/DR Combo considered 2 rooms

Jews FOR JESUS presents
Christ in the Passover

6 p.m. Sunday, April 7
First Church of God
 1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston
 Lisa Weisbaum of Jews for Jesus will describe the elements of the Passover meal, demonstrating how God prophesied and revealed Christ more than 1,000 years before His birth.
 She will set the table with traditional Passover items and explain their spiritual significance and the connection between the Passover meal and Christian Communion.
 This is a free program. For more information, visit www.hoopestonchurch.org or call (217) 283-9330.
 A freewill offering will be taken.

Bill & Susan McGee
Owners/Instructors

McGEE MARTIAL ARTS

217-497-3916 206 S. First Avenue
Hoopeston
East Side/second floor

Smoked BBQ

Rossville Family Restaurant
715 S. Chicago

Lunch & Dinner

Saturday, Apr. 6th & Sunday, Apr. 7th

Pulled Pork Butt, Pork Ribs & Beef Sirloin

 **Hoopeston Masonic Lodge 709**

Spring Breakfast

6-11 a.m. Saturday, April 6

Eggs made to order, biscuits & gravy,
grilled sausage, toast, coffee, juice & milk

\$6 per person - Under 5 free

Carryouts welcome

208 W. Orange, Hoopeston

The early bird *get a good meal!*



Hoopeston American Legion

Early Bird Dinner

has been rescheduled to April 6

Social Hour 5-6 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Court Dispositions

March 12

Kiera Calloway, Hoopeston, status check April 4.
Vicki L. Ford, Hoopeston, status check in two cases April 4.
Jeffory A. Coss, Hoopeston, appeared at trial; new trial date April 4.
Donald E. Underwood, Hoopeston, status check April 4 in three cases.

Justin J. Hill, Hoopeston, case dismissed at trial.
Chrystal Weigand, Hoopeston, trial rescheduled in two cases for April 4.
Melissa Johnson, Danville, status check April 4.

From the Blotter

Weather

Sunny, then chance of showers today, tonight. High 57, low 42. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 52, low 42.

Move continued from other side

side money.

Russ Leigh, Hooterville Broadcasting, Inc., president, along with Vermilion Advantage president and CEO Vicki Haugen and Logan Cronk, VA rural community development coordinator, attended Monday’s meeting to request Hoopeston pay the needed \$175,000 from tax increment financing (TIF) funds.

Speaking in favor of providing the money, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said it would be cheaper for the city to give \$175,000 upfront than to have a TIF agreement, which could result in paying many times that over multiple years. The development would result in additional property taxes for the city’s TIF fund, which could then be used for more development. Increased sales taxes would also be realized, he said.

Those gains would be offset somewhat by the closing of an existing Casey’s store.

Haugen said Casey’s has not requested a TIF redevelopment agreement but officials have not heard that from anyone at Casey’s, who has declined to meet about the project. “Casey’s is never here and they’re the driver of the whole thing,” said Ald. Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman.

Haugen said that for legal reasons, Casey’s, a publicly traded company, must be careful of “forward-looking statements” which could affect stock transactions. The representative she has been dealing with “really didn’t want to be in a position to say ‘I’m sorry I can’t answer that,’” she said.

Goodwine said Hoopeston has already agreed to run water and sewer lines under Rt. 1 for the development. Crusinberry estimated the work to cost about \$165,000.

Additionally, the city purchased the land where the new First Farmers was built for \$125,000 in 2005, then sold it to HRFV for \$1,000.

In response, Crusinberry said Hoopeston spent \$100,000 to clean up the Baer property and Ald. Ryan Anderson asked how much interest was shown about the property in the last 14 years. Bringing up the 2017 Shopko closing, Anderson said tax revenue from the development “would go a long way to make up some of that.”

Leigh announced that HRVF bought the old First Farmers building at the intersection and will donate it for Subway to relocate.

Asked by Ald. Chad Yaden if he has a backup plan, Fairbanks said a location anywhere else than the intersection would be “a significant drop from where we are now.” However, the store will not leave Hoopeston. “We’re not going anywhere,” he said.

In closing, Haugen said 80 percent of economic development happens because of existing businesses rather than new businesses. “I hope this doesn’t go unappreciated in all of this discussion,” she said.

The council was expected to discuss the matter further at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Thank you

to everyone who supported me in Tuesday’s election for Ward II Alderman.

Jeff Wise

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

We are currently hiring for our Verizon location next to McDonald’s in Hoopeston! If you’re interesting in a career in sales where you can earn a base plus commission, this position just might be for you. The successful candidate will love sales and technology and have a competitive spirit. Position has hourly base, commission package and awesome benefits. Email resume to seth@alstiremart.com or stop by the store for more information.

The City of Hoopeston is now accepting applications for Seasonal Employees for several of our departments. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Hoopeston.

Small Wonders Preschool is seeking applications for its Preschool Director/Teacher position for the 2019-20 school year. Please send cover letter and resume to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, by April 10. Our program is a half-day program M-F during the school year for 3- and 4-year-old children. Candidates must be Director qualified by DCFS standards which can include sixty credit hours of college with eighteen hours in courses related directly to child development from birth to age six.

Crosspoint Human Services, of Danville, is currently recruiting for several human services positions. Positions include School based Mental Health Therapists, Residential Technicians and Day Training Technicians. Visit our website at www.crosspointhumanservices.org.

Our growing chiropractic office is looking for an ambitious person for the position of Practice Representative who can help us continue to grow. Experience not necessary for the right person if they are self-motivated, have a good attitude and professionalism. Must be willing and able to learn and pay attention to detail. Excellent oral communication, customer service and presentation skills a must. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license, and transportation with insurance. This is a marketing/sales type position. Interviews will begin immediately. Send resume to Box F, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942

Looking for a fulfilling job in the natural health care field? Busy chiropractic office needs a team oriented, multi-tasking person. Candidate will be trained to assist with patient care. Customer service and phone skills a must. This is a part time position with strong potential to be full-time. Send resume to Box G, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942.

HOUSES FOR SALE

By Owner: 3 Bed 2 Bath 130 N Donovan St, Wellington. Selling in as in condition for \$40,000. 217-474-6547.

Email publish@justthefacts.net
or call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!