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## Briefly

### Last day to sign up for banquet

Today is the last day to sign up for the rescheduled Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet, sponsored by Hoopeston Area High School Student Council. Hoopeston area or Rossville seniors who wish to attend are asked to call the school, at 217-283-6661, with their name and number in their party.

Originally scheduled for Valentine's Day, the banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 in the high school gym.

### Last softball registration

The final HASA softball signup for this season will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fast Lanes. The program is for youngsters ages 5-18. Cost is \$50 for ages 5-7 and \$70 for all other ages. Fee for each additional sibling is \$50.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Stitchin' Time**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome to make new friends with similar interests.

**Builders Club**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For all kids in grades Pre-k-5 who like to build.

**Vermilion County Crafters**, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Open to all kinds of crafters who bring their own projects to work on individually.

**Smoked BBQ**

**Rossville Family Restaurant**

715 S. Chicago

**Lunch & Dinner**

**Saturday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Pulled Pork Butt, Pork Ribs & Beef Brisket*

**First Grade Maple School Family Reading Night**, 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information on any library program, call (217) 283-6711.

### Free literacy program

A retired teacher and former administrator is volunteering two hours a week at The Hoopeston Multi Agency to assist adults that are interested in learning basic reading skills/phonics. The program will be free and his hours will be flexible. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please call the HMA at 217-283-5544 or email [director@hoopestonmultiagency.com](mailto:director@hoopestonmultiagency.com) for more information.

### Suicide prevention workshop

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center will host a free community suicide prevention workshop at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. It will cover the nature of suicide, risk factors and warning signs of suicide for both veterans and civilian adults and how stress, depression and suicide are connected. Pre-registration is not required.

### Baseball registration

Hoopeston baseball registration for players ages 5-15 will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9-11 a.m. and Sunday, March 8, from 1-2 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall.

Fees are \$55 for t-ball, \$70 for Instructional, Minor and Major leagues and \$80 for Pony League.

### Food cupboard needs

Grant Township Food Cupboard is in need of: canned fruit, canned vegetables: (kidney and chili beans, tomatoes, peas) tuna, cereal (any kind), cornbread mix, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, bath soap, toilet tissue.

Items may be taken to the Grant Township office, 525 S. Market St.

### Grave decorations to be removed

Winter grave decorations will be removed from Rossville Cemetery on March 11. Those who wish to keep decorations should remove them prior to that date.

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**Friday:** Cod sandwiches or dinners or Rib eyes

**Saturday:** Prime Rib and Rib eyes

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**8-9-10 Pin Tournament 7 p.m. Saturday**  
Dave Gaddis & Karen Eighner go for \$200!

**Singles Hi/Low Tournament 10 a.m. Sunday**



# Letters to the Editor

## Board member apologizes, explains intent

The following was personally communicated to Zach Carter and family on March 2, 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some comments made regarding the FFA plot at the February board of education meeting.

While I stand by my comments as technically correct, it was NEVER my intent to single out Zach or question his individual effort toward the project. I realize now that it was perceived that way, and for that I am truly sorry.

When I used the word “you”, my intent was that it would be synonymous with “chapter.” However, upon finding out that Zach was the only FFA member involved in the project, I can see how it was thought that I (or the board) was disappointed in him. We were not. We were disappointed that in a chapter of 75 members, we had ONE willing to participate in planting a plot. We were disappointed that there was no advisor present throughout the project. Advisors

that are paid heavy stipends to do such things.

The farm lease agreement - of district owned property - was with the school, the Hoopeston FFA chapter, and the Hoopeston FFA Alumni. Unfortunately, there was no alumni representative present at the board meeting, and the advisor present was silent. It is my hope that at some point these two parties would apologize to Zach as well, as it is my belief that they set him up to fail without proper planning. When the school leased the ground, it was never intended for it to be a grandson/grandfather project, but rather an FFA CHAPTER project.

It is my sincere belief that this project is in no way an indicator of any future success that Zach may have in agriculture or any other field. If he wants to farm, he has teaching resources available to him, that are far greater than any he received in the last four years. And while this is a positive for him, I apologize that his FFA experience was not better than it was.

Truth be known, I do not know Zach well at all, but

have known his mother since sixth grade, trusted her with my kids in daycare, and always have thought well of her. His grandfather, Ed, signed my high school diploma, and later in life I enjoyed a good business relationship with him. It is my hope that after some explanation of where I was coming from

that I can still enjoy a positive relationship with them.

With my best regards,

Craig Lee

## Weather

Cloudy today, tonight. High 50, low 31. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 54, low 33.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Large 3 BR ground level, washer dryer room, \$575/mo.; 2 BR downstairs, washer/dryer hookup, \$450/mo.; 1 BR ground level, \$400/mo. Call (217) 304-1103.

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 will be accepting applications for summer cleaning crew. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than March 20, 2020.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for seasonal workers. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Swimming Pool is accepting applications for lifeguards and assistant manager for the 2020 season. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W. Main St. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Robinson Chiropractic, a thriving and expanding chiropractic clinic, is looking for team oriented, multi-tasking, detail-oriented people. Candidates will be trained to assist with patient care. Customer service and phone skills a must. Candidates must be enthusiastic, outgoing, positive, great with people and have an interest in natural health and wellness and be flexible as we continue to thrive and grow in offices. Send resumes to [trina.keller@robchiro.com](mailto:trina.keller@robchiro.com).

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd, Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information, please call the office, 217-888-0164 or Jordan Reese, manager, 217-918-2876.

We are currently hiring for our Verizon location next to McDonald's in Hoopeston! Are you interested in pursuing a career in sales where you can earn a base plus commission? Then this position might just be for you! If you like sales, love technology and have a competitive spirit you may have what it takes to join our amazing team! You'll use your knowledge and passion for

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### HOUSES FOR RENT

Upstairs duplex, 726 S. Third St., Hoopeston, Available March. 3 BR, 1 bath. \$475 plus security deposit. No pets/good references. 217-304-3477. Owner/licensed R/Est. agent.

### SERVICES

Paw Spa N'More, 1208 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston. Affordable pet grooming, Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays by appointment only. (217) 260-3313

## Obituaries

**GLOVER** - Wesley Archer “Wes” Glover, 79, of Milford, died Monday, March 2, 2020, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. He will be cremated and no visitation or service held. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, at a future time. Memorials are suggested to The ARC of Iroquois County.

**RABE** - Mary Kay (Houmes) Rabe, 77, of Watseka, formerly of Cheneyville and Crescent City, died Monday, March 2, 2020, at Heritage Woods, Watseka. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Lutheran Church and Preschool.

**SMITH** - Mary Joyce Yeats Smith, 74, of Rossville, died at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the noon memorial service Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

**YOUNG** - Dorothy E. (Berg) Young, 87, of Cissna Park, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, at Accolade Health Care of Paxton. Visitation will be 12:30 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park Fire Department, the church or family wishes.

## From the Blotter

Amanda Rae Horseman, 31, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for no proof of insurance following an accident at 8:46 a.m. Monday.

Police said Horseman, in a 1999 Honda Civic, and Reynaldo Montez, 56, also of Hoopeston, in a 2014 Mack semi, collided at South Dixie Hwy. and West Orange.

Horseman's car had to be towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

## Court Dispositions

### January 2

**Melissa Kinnaird**, failed to appear at status hearing; new status hearing February 6.

**Lawrence Crowley**, Chatham, failed to appear at status hearing; new status hearing February 6.

**Joshua Clifton**, pleaded not guilty to disobeying police; trial February 6.