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Hoopeston man grilled about Our Town Hoopeston cook-off

This week, many aspects of Hoopeston have been featured on WCIA's "Our Town" series. Hoopeston Area schools, the library, businesses and people, like Miss Hoopeston Asti Scharlach, are taking turns in the spotlight all week.

But the meat of "Our Town Hoopeston" won't be seen until Friday afternoon. And it will involve real meat.

WCIA Our Town and Illinois Pork Producers are sponsoring a contest to find the area's best grill master. Each community featured in this year's Our Town series will select one person to grill on camera in the community and on the WCIA studio on September 4.

Hoopeston's contender, Bill Lind, will get to show his chops...or perhaps ribs...or maybe a roast from 3-6:30 p.m. Friday at what is formally called Ford Park, the area west of State Farm on Main St.

"I have no clue at this time what I'll be grilling," Lind said Monday. "The thing that's flooring me is we're not cooking on our own grill, so that throws a curve into it."

Illinois Pork Producers will prove the meat and the grill, but Lind didn't know whether he'll be cooking with hardwood or charcoal - which he predominantly uses - or with gas, which he's used just once on a family vacation.

Lind is the predominant cook at home. "Cooking is a passion of mine," he said. Not just grilling - cooking in general. It's not that my wife isn't a good cook - she is - but I do about 75 percent of the cooking."

The 47-year-old grills out "as much as possible," cooking seafood, meat and chicken. He does mostly beef and pork because of its local availability.

"I do it because I enjoy it," he said. "It's fun. Sit back, relax, drink a beer or two, just enjoy it." Best of all is "the

flavor that you get. (Grilling) just adds to it."

Lind's love of cooking started at an early age. His father died when he was three years old and his mother never remarried. The middle of five children, he started helping her in the kitchen.

Those who grill have different specialties. For some, it's pork chops or pork steak, but for Lind, "I would say my specialty is tenderloin. I'll take and put some butter in a cast iron skillet and rub it with olive oil." After adding some herbs, he sears the meat on all sides, then roasts it."Mmmm," he said.

The Lockport, Ind. native uses different styles of grilling for different types of meat.

Brisket? That's Texas style. Ribs get a St. Louis touch, while pulled pork is more of a Memphis style. "I cook what I like," he said.

Along with grilling, Lind also smokes his own meat. He has three smokers he uses on a regular basis, including one that will hold about 200 lbs. of meat that he has prepared for events such as graduation parties and wedding receptions for friends and family.

This will not be Lind's first rodeo when it comes to competitive grilling. "I did a couple cook-offs a couple of years back," he said. One was the Rossville sesquicentennial. "I took first place in every category: chicken, pork, beef, everything."

While Lind is the head chef, meal preparation, including grilling, is a family affair. His wife, the former Jennifer Bane, and kids William, 15 and Kennedy, who just turned 13, help out. In fact, he said, Kennedy would like to become a chef.

He was expecting help from them on Tuesday, when he See GRILLED on other side



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Grilled continued from other side

was to be interviewed by WCIA talent in advance of the cook-off.

After the interview, Lind planned to feed his guests a dinner of surf and turf: grilled shrimp and filet mignon. "I'm not 100 percent sure what I'm going to do for sides, but I'll whip something up," he said.

His family is rooting for him. "My wife told me 'you're going to win,'" he said. "She has a lot of faith in my ability."

Friends and family encouraged him to volunteer for the contest. "I'm not a Facebook person, but 20 to 30 people said 'You need to do this,'" he said. A similar number of people texted him with a screenshot of the information in Just the Facts and encouraged him to do it.

"I'm excited about it," Lind said. "I think it's going to be fun."

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 91, low 72.

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Illinois goes into Phase 4 of
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From the Blotter

A pressure gauge was found by an officer Monday at Rtes. 1 and 9. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 44-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:06 p.m. Monday that someone took a push mower from her garage in the 300 block of West Washington. Police are investigating.

Joseph Pate, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday to the 500 block of South Sixth Ave. He was charged with domestic bat-

tery on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman, along with unlawful restraint and resisting arrest.

Pate was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Summer Handy, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were notified at 10:38 p.m. Tuesday of someone possibly wanted on a warrant in the 500 block of East Honeywell. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, she was extradited by an Iroquois County Sheriff's depu-

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