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Briefly

At the library

Stitchin' Time, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, needlepoint, embroider or sew - whatever your needlecraft, bring your project and coffee and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

The library is at 110 N. Fourth St. Call (217) 283-6711 or visit www.hooplib.org.

Road work scheduled

Construction on Rt. 9 from the Ford/Vermilion County line to Rt. 1 in Hoopeston began July 12. Work will extend the surface life of the road and is expected to be complete in late November.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited

to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or

anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

From the Blotter

Antoinietta Spina 52, of Milford, was arrested July 6 at the Iroquois County Courthouse. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for battery, she was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she was released on bond.

Dylan L. Jones, 20, of Milford, was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police on July 11. According to police reports, Jones was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol over .08 BAC. He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail and was released on bond.



Cementing the deal

Construction workers slog through wet concrete Tuesday morning, working on the new Dollar General store on Rt. 9, west of the railroad tracks. Two Silver Brothers trucks were on the scene to keep concrete flowing and work progressing as raindrops peppered the crew and concrete.

Land of Precarious Liberty

Having just passed the annual celebration of our nation’s birth, I have been reminded of my gratitude to be living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. I recently had a conversation with a young person who informed me that she did not feel particularly blessed to be an American.

She listed off the flaws in our history and shared her politics. I told her I was not concerned with where she found herself on the American political spectrum, only that she valued her opportunity to exist within it. She could not see how incredibly fortunate she was to have been born in a country that protects her right to think, feel, and speak as she wishes. How sad.

Much of our modern civic discourse is focused heavily on politics. So much so, that the respect for the foundational rights and duties of American citizens is being overshadowed and diminished by all the partisan noise. I regret to write that some of our young Americans are losing touch with who we are as a nation, and are gradually learning a subtle disdain for what has been given to them at such a great cost.

We are a nation that should understand and value the blood that was shed for our independence and way of life. If our young people don't grasp why anyone would give their life in the fight for freedom, it is incumbent upon each generation to teach them the lessons of liberty.

While fairness and decency are vital, we are a nation of ideals to be aspired to, not just a group of people simply seeking equal social outcomes. We are a nation that allows dissonance as a platform for improvement, not just to engage in constant conflict.

We place our hands over our hearts or feel a quickening heartbeat when we hear our national anthem because it unites us under a common cause. We honor our flag because it is a symbol of our ideals and the sacrifices made for those ideals, not because our flag implies perfection. We do not desecrate these very symbols that exemplify our freedom to openly express our diverse and personal views.

We are a nation that allows people to celebrate their culture and what built them, not a country that erases all connections to custom, family, or faith in order to become a global denizen. We welcome all and their traditions as long as they truly want to participate in our national character.

We are a nation that knows unity is the goal, not uniformity, we don't all have to agree on everything to like

each other and our country.

Patriotism has no party affiliation and belongs to us collectively. Loving our country is good, and does not exclude loving other countries and peoples. Just as with most other things in life, we can clearly see flaws, work to improve, and still unapologetically love our nation.

We honor our living constitution that emphasizes that our human rights are unalienable because they have been bestowed upon us by a creator. In so doing, our founding documents wisely place these rights above any government power to remove them.

On October 27, 1964, long before he was president of the United States, Ronald Reagan famously said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

As of 2020, half of the world’s 272 million immigrants reside in just 10 countries. As the number one landing place on the planet, the United States takes in four times the number of immigrants as the next country on the list. The U.S.A. is far and away the most sought after destination.

Obituaries

MILLER - M. Arlene (Hatfield) Miller, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 10:11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Medical Center. A celebration of her life open house will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St.; Hoopeston Public Library, 11 -0 N. Fourth St.; Hoopeston American Legion Post #384, 502 E. Penn St.; or an organization of the donor’s choice. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 71. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, then showers likely. High 87, low 69.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

There is a reason that so many international residents seek to enter and make a life in our scrappy, independent, patriotic, proud, imperfect, young upstart of a nation. They understand the message of freedom we should be impressing upon our youngest citizens, without regard to

personal politics; every new generation must be taught that we are The UNITED States of America, and we stand for life, liberty, and the pursuit.

Jennifer Richardson
Hoopeston

Classifieds

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Accepting applications for part time servers. Weekends and evenings. Apply in person. Rossville Family Restaurant. 715 S Chicago St, Rossville.

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Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is looking to hire 2-3 part time assistant teachers. Requirements include 18 or older, high school diploma or GED, college credits are preferred but not mandatory for the right candidate, willing to undergo a background check and fingerprinting, flexible and able to work as early as 6 30 a.m. and as late as 5 30 p.m., and have reliable transportation. Please email Nicole Gregory at mustardseed.christiandaycare@gmail.com for application information.

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Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Looking for a fulfilling job in the natural health care field? Robinson Chiropractic is8 looking for strong individuals who are enthusiastic, outgoing, positive people who have an interest in natural healthcare and wellness. Candidates need to be team oriented, multi-tasking, detail-oriented individuals. Candidates will be trained to assist with patient care. Send resumes to trina.keller@robchiro.com.

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