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# Just the Facts

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## From the Blotter

**Iroquois County Sheriff's Police** arrested Dylan Elpers, 21, of Milford on Wednesday. He was charged with theft and taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he remained in lieu of bond.

**Joseph D. Hart**, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:32 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Lincoln. He was charged with driving while license suspended and

released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

**A wallet belonging to Robert Phillips** was found Thursday at Marathon. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 7:57 a.m. Friday at West Penn and South Fifth Ave.,

on the south side of John Greer Grade School

Police said a 2019 Hyundai, driven by Joseph J. Donner, 23, of Melvin, collided with a 2021 Jeep truck, driven by Michael Gilbert, 52, of Danforth.

Donnor's vehicle was towed from the scene.

**Omar Gonzalez**, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a passerby heard and reported a domestic incident in progress at 8:18 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of South Sixth Ave. Residents at the location reported they had had a physical altercation.

After investigating, Gonzalez was charged with aggravated domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.




Photo submitted


## State bound

Hoopeston Area High School wrestlers are heading to state after good showings at sectionals Friday and Saturday at Olympia. Wrestling at 182 lbs., Abel Colunga placed second, qualifying for state competition for his fourth and final year. Hunter Cannon, wrestling at 220, placed third at the sectional. "They should both make a good run at state," said head coach Chris Kelnhofer. Pictured are, from left, assistant coach Felipe Martinez, Cannon, Colunga, assistant coach Andy Atchie and Kelnhofer.

It seems like you've gone from this



To this in the blink of an eye!



**Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Anna**  
Love, Grandpa & Grandma



## Obituaries

**CARTWRIGHT** - Mrs. Shigeko (Yamakawwa) Cartwright, 94, of Hoopeston, formerly of Nagasaki, Japan, died February 9, 2022. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston American Legion Post #384 or VFW Post #4826. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**MARTINEZ** - Amalia "Molly" Cantu Martinez, 76, of Hoopeston, passed away at 1:13 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. She was born April 15, 1945 in Mission, TX, the daughter of Jesus and Matilda (Garcia) Cantu. She married Arnold R. Martinez on August 17, 1972. He preceded her in death in 2011.

She is survived by four daughters, Jessica Martinez of Danville, Jamie (Micah) Alwardt of Hoopeston, Jackie (John) Bell of Watseka, and Jericca Molly Martinez (Ryan Saunders) of Bloomington; one son, Orlando "Orlee" (Amy) Mar-



**MOLLY MARTINEZ**

tinez of Rossville; eight sisters, Matilda (Gregorio) Ybarra of California, Mary (Freddy) Sarinana of Florida, Blanca Johnson (Darren Arceneaux) of Georgia, Irene (Tony) Tapia of Texas, Florinda Hernandez of California, Norma (Frederico) Hernandez of California, Josie (Carlos) Batres of California, and Elva Cantu of California; one brother, Jesse (Colleen) Cantu of Illinois; 14 grandchildren, Acacia Martinez, Edgar Martinez, Ashanté Martinez, Delin Cotton, Jelicia Martinez, Alex Alwardt, Jeleaa Martinez, AJ Alwardt, Alyssa Alwardt, Amillya Martinez, Aryanna Martinez, David Bell, Abby Alwardt, and Aiden Bell; eight great grandchildren, Malakai, DJ, Ayjah, Adelia, Kyrie, Christopher, Arrow, and Manolo; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and one daughter, Normita Palacios.

Molly worked many jobs, ranging from fieldwork, factory, secretarial, retail, home health care, and as a homemaker caring for her family. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hoopeston. She loved to cook, crochet, and spend time with her family.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Wednesday February 16, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral Mass will follow the visitation, beginning at 12 p.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church 423 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Hoopeston, with Father Thomas Gibson officiating. Per her wishes, following the funeral Mass, she will be cremated, and no burial will be

held.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Resident Home 200 E. Fairman Ave, Watseka, IL 60970.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Molly's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**MORRIS** - Leo F. Morris Sr., 83, of Milford, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation was 1-3 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Briefly

### Meetings

- Hoopeston City Council: The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at city hall to review sections 1 and 2 of city ordinances for action during the regular meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. Agenda items include a resolution to approve \$255,000 of city Motor Fuel Tax funds for the Thompson Ave. project and discussion/action on an intergovernmental agreement with Rossville for village ordinance violations to be heard in Hoopeston Municipal Court. A complete agenda is available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

- Hoopeston Area School Board: Members will convene at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school library and go immediately into executive session. The regular meeting will follow. The agenda will be posted at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

### Breast cancer support meeting

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting is February 17.

Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 30. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 16. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 43, low 37.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0>

Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician-Industrial/Maintenance position. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0>

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

KS<sup>i</sup> is looking for qualified candidates for the seasonal position of Production Associate in our Cissna Park facility. This position is primarily responsible for mechanical assembly of conveyors and final units. Potential candidates should possess a beginner level of mechanical skills and have a strong work ethic. Position would be M-F workweeks up to 45 hours per week. Majority of work would be in heated shop for cold winter months. Fill out an application from our website, [www.ksiedge.com](http://www.ksiedge.com), send inquiries to [hr@ksiedge.com](mailto:hr@ksiedge.com), or call 785-284-0600 ext. 1422. Applications may also be picked up at our location: 454 N State Route 49, Cissna Park, IL 60924.

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## Lunch Menus

### Hoopeston Area grade school menus

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese quesadilla, chips & salsa, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ/bun, fries, applesauce, Veggy Juice, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School menus

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, veggies, corn, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, veggies, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, Max Stick, veggies,

pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggie Juice, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School menus

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or hot ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice