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New Casey's General Store slated to open April 21, existing Casey's stores to close April 20

Construction on the new Casey's General Store at Rtes. 1 and 9 is coming along and is expected to open Thursday, April 21.

Joseph Buyno, Casey's Region Director, said last week that a 5 a.m. opening is planned for that day and that a new manager has been hired for the store.

The existing Casey's stores, at 1022 W. Penn and 115 E. Orange, are expected to close sometime Wednesday, April 20, after Casey's inventory team arrives to begin their counts, Buyno said.

Employees of both stores will be absorbed into the new

store, he added. In October, Buyno said about 35 employees are needed at the new location.

The new store is larger than either of the existing stores and will more easily accommodate semis and other big trucks.

The new Casey's was brought before Hoopeston City Council in June 2018, when Russ Leigh and Harry Brockus, representing Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, asked for the city's help in paying for two planned projects: a truck stop at Rtes. 1 and 9 and a hotel/restaurant/strip mall on Rt. 9 west of Hoopeston Mara-

thon.

The council approved expanded water and sewer lines at an estimated cost of \$165,000, and then approved another \$175,000 to relocate the Subway store from Hooterville Junction on the east side of Rt. 1 to a new location on the west side. Casey's contributed \$25,000 to the move.

In June 2020, Casey's applied for a building permit, but construction struggled for a few months due to Covid and supply shortages. A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Casey's was held October 29.

Iroquois County Sheriff’s Department warns of gasoline thefts

The Iroquois County Sheriff’s Office is currently investigating several reported thefts of hundreds of gallons of gasoline from rural farm sites in the Gilman, Onarga and Thawville areas. A majority of the reports have involved theft of fuel onsite, but in some cases, the victims reported their bulk fuel tanks were taken.

Given the recent increase in fuel prices and the state

Briefly

HASA registration
Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold registration on Wednesdays, March 16, 23 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., and Sundays, March 20 and 27 from 1-4 p.m., all at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

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 March 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.

of the economy as a whole, the Sheriff’s Office is reminding the public that an increase in the cost of goods and services and a rise in burglaries and thefts go hand-in-hand. Sheriff’s Office personnel not only recommend that residents take the necessary steps to properly and effectively secure their property but also that they report suspicious activity, people or vehicles by calling 911.

From the Blotter

Marty Joe Fink Sr., 69, listed as homeless, was arrested at 12 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of East Elm. He was charged with assault on a complaint from a 36-year-old Hoopeston man and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain/rain likely. High 66, low 44.

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

Obituaries

CLYDEN - Connie S. (Vincent) Clyden, 75, of Sheldon, died Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. She was cremated. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Watseka. Burial will follow in Sheldon Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com. Among her survivors is a sister, Nancy Hertel, of Hoopeston.

LEIGH - Lila Ann (Otto) Leigh, 92, of Hoopeston, died at 6:38 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Autumn Fields, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Church of God, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in East Lynn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters or Hoopeston Area Music Boosters. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Iroquois County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for full – and part time correctional officers, responsible for the daily supervision and care of arrestees brought to and/or detained at the Iroquois County Jail. Must be high school graduate or have GED, Iroquois County resident at time of employment (for full time) submit to criminal background check and have basic computer skills. Full time starting salary is \$39,685.65, part time wage is \$15/hr. Applications may be picked up at the Iroquois County Jail/Sheriff’s Office, 550 S. Tenth, Watseka or online at iroquoiscountyiil.gov/offices/sheriff. Completed applications/resumes may be mailed to the above address or emailed to cperzee@co.iroquois.il.us. EOE

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Hoopeston hair salon looking for a cosmetologist, nail tech and esthetician. 765-413-3062

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a fulltime position. Candidate must have a valid driver’s license and high school diploma or equivalent. Computer skills are necessary. Potential supervisory roll with proper training and licensing. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

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 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

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

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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.

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