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After 150 years in print, the presses stop for the Hoopeston Chronicle on April 28

The Hoopeston Chronicle's 150-year run will end this week. An email to advertisers last week said the paper's last day of publication will be April 28.

The Chronicle has been part of Kankakee Valley Publishing and is under the umbrella of Community Media Group, which has publications in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Among its Illinois holdings are the Danville-based Independent News, Iroquois Times-Republic, and Champaign-based News-Gazette.

Over its history the Hoopeston Chronicle covered everything, from cows dying from eating spoiled corn in a field in 1885 to major fires, such as the Town Clock Tower in 1947, fires at the former Stokely plant in 1992 and again in 2003, when an inferno damaged the former cannery's warehouse and, more recently, the tire recycling fire in 2013. The births, weddings, deaths, accomplishments and failures of Hoopeston residents made headlines in its pages.

The North Vermilion Chronicle was birthed in 1872, by

newcomer Gideon W. Seavey and local resident Dale Wallace. In 1881, he established the Daily Chronicle. Another paper, the Hoopeston Herald, was started, followed by the Hoopeston News. Chester Aldrich bought all the papers in 1921 and consolidated them into the Chronicle-Herald, daily and weekly.

In 1924, The Hoopeston Evening Times was started in 1924, but did not have the staying power of the Chronicle-Herald.

See CHRONICLE on other side



Photo submitted

But officer
 As Hoopeston firemen work in the background, Bre Crose, playing an intoxicated woman, is confronted by Hoopeston Police Officer Joshua Douglas during a mock accident demonstration Friday at Hoopeston Area High School. Showing the dangers of impaired and distracted driving, students were dismissed from classes to watch the demonstration, presented the day before the school's prom.

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The Light of Luna Park, by Addison Armstrong

The Girl in the Mist, by Kristen Ashley

Someone Perfect, by Mary Balogh

Chronicle continued from other side

The paper was eventually bought by Frank Mills, noted for sometimes fiery editorials on local issues. "The success of the Chronicle in those days were Frank's editorials," said Mark Mills, grandson of Frank and son of Tom Mills, who assumed the reins after his father died in 1975. The paper was published five days a week during both Mills' tenure, boasting a minimum of eight broadsheet pages each day, Mark Mills said. With a circulation of about 3,000, at one time, the paper had 36 full-time employees to handle not only the Chronicle-Herald, but also other publications done by Mills Publications.

Eventually, the paper's name changed to The Chronicle.

Nixon Newspapers purchased the paper from Mills Publications in 1983, cutting it back to three days a week, then two. Eventually, the Chronicle became a weekly paper.

For the last 14 years, Jordan Crook has served as editor of The Chronicle. A Milford native, Crook covered the goings-on of Hoopeston, from high school sports to governmental meetings.

As word of the paper's closing spread on social media, many residents had high praise for Crook's dedication to covering Hoopeston. He is expected to remain employed by Community Media Group.

Weather

Areas of frost, then sunny today. High 54. Tonight, clear, then areas of frost. Low 34. Tomorrow, areas of frost, then mostly sunny. High 56, low 37.

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

New Books at the Library

Someone to Cherish, by Mary Balogh
Merfolk, by Jeremy Bates
My Darling Husband, by Kimberly Belle

From the Blotter

Christopher Billingsley, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:17 p.m. Saturday to Parkview Court, 500 S. Sixth Ave., for a domestic disturbance.

Iroquois County Sheriff's Police arrested Eduardo Cordova, 45, of Hoopeston, on April 22. According to police reports, he was charged with DUI and speeding, less than 25 mph over the posted limit.

He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he posted the required bond and was released.

The Selling Point, by Marci Bolden
Child of Light, by Terry Brooks
Texas Homecoming, by Carolyn Brown
The Lost Girls, by Jessica Chiarella

Obituaries

OLIVERO - Rosalind D. "Rusty" (West) Olivero, 67, of Elliott, died at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, April 17, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. May 6 at the Elliott Cemetery. Celebration of her life will be at 5 p.m. May 6 at the Paxton Civic Center, 601 S. Fall St. Memorials are suggested to the family. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

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