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Approximately 30 residents recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the National Day of Prayer ceremony Thursday at Hoopeston City Hall.

## **Hoopeston pastors, residents mark National Day of Prayer with local ceremony Thursday**

Rain changed the location but didn't dampen the spirit of those participating in Hoopeston's National Day of Prayer ceremony.

Set to be held around the flag pole at city hall, showers sent about 30 people into the city council chambers for a drier but no less heartfelt gathering.

The ceremony began on a patriotic note, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a cappella version of "God Bless America" by Valarie Paulson, Chamber of Commerce president.

Hoopeston pastors Kathy Murphy, of Hoopeston United Methodist Church, and Carlos Sanchez, of Hoopeston First Church of God, led those attending in prayer.

Murphy invoked Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," asking God to bless America and bring wisdom to its leaders. On a world scale, she prayed for an end to the "unjust war" in Ukraine, as well

as America's military and first responders.

After moving here from Chicago, "I have a heart for Hoopeston," Sanchez told the assembly, praying for its leaders, ministers and Hoopeston in general. He prayed that God would remind residents to be kind and have compassion on those who are homeless.

Residents were then given the opportunity to pray. Some did so quietly, while others raised their voices to remind God of the believers in America and asking for

**See PRAYER on other side**

## Obituaries

**GOSSETT** - Ronald A. "Poppy" Gossett, 86, of Hoopeston, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at his home. He was born August 5, 1935, in Hoopeston, the son of Clarence and Blanche May (Holt) Gossett. He married Joyce A. Pentecost on July 16, 1955, in Milford.

He is survived by his daughter, Connie Gossett Mills (Bob Bruens) of Hoopeston; one son, Randall L. (Sherry) Gossett of Hardyville, KY; one sister, Betty J. (Laverne) Hamm of Danville; one sister-in-law, Joann Gossett of Charleston; six grandchildren, Jennifer Mills, Erin Mills, Anthony Mills, Josh Gossett, Matthew Gossett, and Katie Gossett; three great-grandchildren, Laynee and Raeghan Dickison and Dawson Burton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, of 52 years; his parents; and three brothers, Gerald, Harold (Ruth), and Donald (Doris) Gossett.



**RONALD GOSSETT**

Ronnie worked at Hotts Lumber & Coal Company for 10 years and later at American Can as a forklift driver for 25 years until his retirement.

He loved his family, especially his grandchildren and enjoyed watching their sporting events. He also loved old cars and tractors and enjoyed woodworking and visiting with his friends at McDonald's and Henning's. Ronnie always enjoyed a good cup of coffee and a cigarette.

A visitation will be held 5 - 7 p.m. Tuesday May 10, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday May 11, 2022, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Area Softball Association.

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

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**KEITH** - Sally Jo Keith, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2022, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

He was charged with debit card theft, then complained of a head injury that happened prior to officers arriving. He was taken by ambulance to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center emergency room, where he was treated, released and taken to the Vermilion County Jail.

### *Prayer continued from other side*

blessings on the nation, a restoration of America, wisdom for America's leaders, boldness to speak out for the sanctity of life and an end to the teaching of LGBTQ lifestyles to young children across America.

The program ended with silent prayer and the group singing "Amazing Grace."

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 67. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 90, low 66.

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

## Briefly

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, breakfast sweets and conversation. The gathering is open to all.

### At the library

Coming events at Hoopeston Public Library are:

**Stitchin' Time**, every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon. If you like to crochet, knit or do other needlework, join others who gather with their needles and yarn.

**STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, for kids in grades K-5. This week focuses on technology, building paper circuits.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has openings for the following positions for the 2022-23 school year:

- Classroom Paraprofessional Aide at Maple Elementary School
- Self-Contained Classroom Paraprofessional Aide at John Greer Elementary School
- RtI Paraprofessional Aide at John Greer Elementary School
- Classroom Paraprofessional Aide at Hoopeston Area High School

A paraprofessional license is recommended or 60 college credit hours.

Applications are available online at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

The City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary officer. Applications will be accepted until the Hoopeston Police Commission testing beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at Hoopeston Area High School library.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

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Iroquois County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for full

The library is accepting patron donations of books and DVDs for a summer book sale. Books should be clean, dry and unmarked. Newer fiction is most desirable.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 9:19 a.m. Friday to the 500 block of East Penn for the smell of something burning in a home. Firemen found the source and resolved the issue. No injuries were reported.

**Firefighters were called** at 8:07 p.m. Saturday for a rollover accident at Rt. 1 and 4000 North. Further details were unavailable.

— 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 [iroquoiscountyl.gov/offices/sheriff](http://iroquoiscountyl.gov/offices/sheriff). Applications/resumes may be mailed to the above address or emailed to [cperzee@co.iroquois.il.us](mailto:cperzee@co.iroquois.il.us). EOE

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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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