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Multi Agency celebrates 50 years of serving Hoopeston

Music, food and discounts as scheduled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

A Senior Dance and meal will kick off the celebration Saturday, said Beth Bray Knecht, HMA executive director and board president. This is the first meal/dance combination held since the advent of Covid-19.

Dinner will be held from 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and those who want to eat must call (217) 283-5544 to reserve their meals by noon Friday.

The dance will be held from 6-8 p.m.

An open house will be held at the agency at 206 S. First Ave., from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. Cake will be served and guests may tour the building and learn about the programs offered there.

Keeping with a "50" theme, on August 17 only, all items in the Multi Agency Thrift Store will be 50 percent off; all rides on the agency van will be 50 cents and those who attend the open house may register to win one of five 50 percent off coupons for the thrift store.

Officially called Hoopeston Multi Agency Service Center, the Hoopeston Multi Agency got its start in a third floor office of the Willdon Building. The office had room for a director, a reception area and an office for courselors who provided services to clients.

Some years after the Multi Agency started, a new organization came into existence: the Eastern Illinois Multi-Purpose Center, under the direction of Dorothy Metz.

Wanting space to allow for social activities, the Multi-Purpose Center was the recipient of the former Hoopeston Chronicle office at 206 S. First Ave.

The Chronicle office was large enough to house its own printing operation but when the paper was purchased by Indiana-based Nixon Newspapers, printing operations were consolidated in Watseka. Now needing little more than a storefront, the Chronicle moved to 308 E. Main and donated the old office to the Multi Purpose Center.

In 1995, the Multi Agency and Multi-Purpose Center merged, with the Multi Agency moving into the former printing offices. The building has gone from rooms with concrete floors and some structural issues to one that with new roof and ceilings, kitchen and flooring, as well as improved heating and cooling. Design changes created the senior card room, more counseling offices and increased space for the thrift shop. A food pantry was also added.

The agency was designed to provide information and referrals to Hoopeston and northern Vermilion County. While still in the Willdon, clients could receive counseling services onsite. The merger and move to its current location allowed for expanded counseling services, as well offering social meetings, like the ladies coffee and

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BIOL-105-WHHEX - Intro to Environment; Mon. 2PM-3:15PM; Web TBA BOFF-140-HEXN - Medical Terminology; Wed. 6PM-8:30PM CBUS-150-HEXN - Business Computer Systems; Thurs. 6PM-7:50PM; Web TBA ENGL-101-HEXG1 - Rhetoric and Composition I; Mon. & Wed. 2PM 3:15PM ENGL-101-HEXN1 - Rhetoric and Composition I; Wed. 6PM-8:40PM MATH-107-HEXN - Applied Mathematical Concepts; Mon. Tues. & Wed, 4PM-5:20PM SOCY-100-HEXG - Intro to Sociology; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2PM-3:15PM

> DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston 847 E Orange St, Hoopeston or call 217-283-4170

Unger Property Online Auction

Auction ends with a soft close on Aug 15 @ 6 p.m. JD 4010, JD60, Flat Bed Trailer, Enclosed Trailer, Gain Wagons, Running Gears, Hay Rack. Lots of Tools, Farm Related Tools, Wood, Gates, Vintage Horse Drawn Items, Joan of Arc Shield Sign, Patio Furniture, Swing Set, Household Furniture, Firearms and ammo, Jewelry from the Store. This is just a short list over 600 lots to bid on jonwitvoetauctioneer.com Register, Bid and Enjoy





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-Briefly —

Hydrant flushing

Hoopeston is flushing hydrants on Fridays during the summer months to improve the overall quality of water by cleaning the mains of rust and corrosion and to ensure that fire hydrants are in working order. Residents are urged, if possible, to refrain from doing laundry on Fridays. The water is safe to drink but residents are encouraged to let faucets run for a short period of time if they notice any discoloration.

At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: Everything left on the Hoopeston Public Library book sale is now FREE. Check out the adult and teen materials upstairs and the children's materials on the lower level. **Stitchin' Time**, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew or other needlecraft, bring your project and coffee and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Card shower

The family of Rick Nolin is having a birthday card

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shower. Rick will be 75 on August 26. Cards and notes of well wishes may be sent to him at: Rick Nolin, 910 Sprague Rd., Hoopeston IL 60942

Vendors wanted

Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference club is seeking craft and product vendors for their upcoming vendor fair on September 24. For more information email hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com.

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

Clothing Caravan coming to Hoopeston

Need clothes for back-to-school? Come join the Clothing Caravan from Fair Hope Children's Ministry. The caravan will be at the Girl Scout House in McFerren Park from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Clothing sizes range from infant to teenager and will be available free to anyone.

Home help

Residents who need help in buying or repairing a home they own are invited to a presentation by Julie Beer of USDA Rural Development. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24th at Hoopeston City Hall. She will talk about home repair and refinancing programs, as well as programs that will allow very low to moderate income residents to buy a house.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED
Silver Brothers is looking for an experienced carpenter. Must
have at least 5 years experience and provide references. Pay will
be \$25+, depending on experience. Please pick up an application
at the office, 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston.
Fall help wanted at United Prairie, 18979 E 2850 N Rd.,
Hoopeston. Call Jordan Reese, (217) 888-0164 (office) or (217)
918-2876 (cell).
Fast Lanes is looking for experienced cooks for some evenings
and some breakfast. If interested come to Fast Lanes, 719 W.
Elm. NO PHONE CALLS.
Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING, starting pay \$18/hour.
Apply at www.full-fill.com or applications available on-
site. EOE
Premier Cooperative is looking to fill fall seasonal (operational &
scale) positions at Rossville, Ellis, Collison, Reilly, Dillsburg,
and Royal. Call 217-599-0310.
Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please
apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/
Posting/view/12464/0
Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician-Industrial/
Maintenance position. Please apply online at: silgancontain-
ers.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.
HOUSES FOR RENT
Hoopeston 4 bedroom one level house large yard, and 2 bedroom
ground level duplex. Text or call 217-495-2274
RUMMAGE SALES
HOOPESTON: 827 W. Main (side street of Ninth Ave.) Thurs. 4
-7, Fri. 7-11, Sat. 9-12. Household sale. Some furniture, lots of
kitchen, nice clothing marked low, misc. Saturday will be dis-
count day!!
HOOPESTON: 225 E. Washington. Fri. & Sat, 8-5
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or call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!

BENNETT - Jesse Bennett Jr., 96, of Rossville, died Friday, Aug. 5. 2022, at home. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Sunset Funeral Home, Danville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

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donuts time on Wednesdays and euchre on Wednesday afternoon. Staff and volunteers help with everything from Medicaid, food stamp and Circuit Breaker questions and can connect residents to other needed services.

One of the agency's most-used services is its transportation program, which runs the city limits, taking residents to doctor appointments, stores and other places.

Another busy place is the agency's thrift shop, open 10 am. To 3 p.m. weekdays. Donations of clothing and other items are sold in the shop, creating revenue for the Multi Agency while providing low prices on clothing.

The agency also receives funds from United Fund of Grant Township, East Central Illinois Community Action Agency, Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, and East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging. Local donations and funds received from corporate grants, businesses and individuals round out its funding.

"All of our programs are run by grants and donations," said Knecht. "We are very thankful for the community **VESTAL** - Robert Franklin "Bob" Vestal, 76, of Kingman, Ind., died at 3:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at the home of his son, Shawn Sullivan, in Hoopeston. He was cremated and no services will be held Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

support that we receive to keep us operating."

She said food more food is always needed for the emergency food pantry, especially for Hoopeston's homeless population.

Many programs were slowed by Covid, like the dances and the euchre group, but they are picking up steam. "We are always looking for more ways to help those in our community," she said.

For more information on Hoopeston Multi-Agency, call (217) 283-5544 or visit hoopestonmultiagency.org.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 78. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny chance of showers late. High 81, low 64. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 83, low 61.

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