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Farm Bureau: factors combine to raise cost of Thanksgiving meal

With inflation impacting food prices and fuel for trucks delivering nearly everything, it's not surprising that the annual American Farm Bureau Federation's Thanksgiving Dinner survey shows this year's meal will cost more

than in 2021.

This is the 37th annual survey conducted by the nation's largest farm organization. The survey, with the help of
See **THANKSGIVING** on other side



Santa's here

Three-year-old Faith Wyant, left, and brother Zander, six, cuddle up to the Jolly Old Elf at Saturday's Magical Express. While waiting in line, Faith whirled and twirled, with pigtails flying, as "Santa Baby" was played. Her dad, Keith Wyant, said Christmas is Faith's favorite holiday. More than 450 people attended the Magical Express this year, said Valarie Hinkle, president of Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event. Jessie Atchie is the event coordinator.

**Heritage Health
is thankful for our farmers!**
Farmers,
celebrate the harvest
with us at 1:30 p.m. December 1,
with pie, cobbler, and coffee.
Please RSVP to (217) 283-8247 by
November 28 if you will be joining us.



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Briefly

Meetings

- Hoopeston Façade Committee, 4 p.m. Monday, city hall. Agenda items include discussion of façade guidelines. Full agenda at www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Hoopeston Citizens Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, city hall. Agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Hoopeston Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, city hall, to discuss a request to close the alley in the 100 block of East Lincoln and Maple. Zoom link: www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Hoopeston Street/Alley Committee, 6 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda item: alley between 400 block of East Main and Penn. Zoom link: www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include renewing a \$1 million line of credit for a new lift station, remediation agreement for 103 S. Chicago. The board is scheduled to go into executive session to discussing hiring a police chief. Finance committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. Full agenda at www.villageofrossville.org.

Thanksgiving continued from other side

224 volunteer shoppers from all 50 states and Puerto Rico, computed the average cost of this year's Thanksgiving feast for 10 to be \$64.05, just under \$6.50 per person. That's an increase of 20% from last year's average of \$53.31.

A similar survey conducted in Vermilion County showed shoppers can find the same meal for a cost of \$56.27. While this local meal is 14.3% higher than 2021, it is 12.1% lower than the national average.

"General inflation slashing the purchasing power of consumers is a significant factor contributing to the increase in average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner," said AFBF Chief Economist Roger Cryan. General inflation has been running 7% to 9% in recent months, while the most recent Consumer Price Index report for food consumed at home reveals a 12% increase over the past year.

"Other contributing factors to the increased cost for the meal include supply chain disruptions and the war in Ukraine," Cryan said. "The higher retail turkey cost at the grocery store can also be attributed to a slightly smaller flock this year, increased feed costs and lighter processing weights." Cryan said the supply of whole turkeys available to consumers should be adequate this year, although there may be temporary, regional shortages in some states where avian influenza was detected earlier this year.

Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Littles @ The Library 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and play time for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Coffee, Craft & Conversation 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

NFCC annual meeting set

North Fork Conservation club will have its annual meeting on December 14, 2022, with elections. 6 p.m. 2022 board final meeting; 7 p.m. Annual meeting begins; 8 p.m. 2023 board first meeting

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers. This basic shopping list has stayed the same for the 37 years to allow for comparison.

But In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, potatoes and frozen green beans. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost to \$81.30 nationally, and \$73.81 locally.

Survey shoppers visited grocery stores across the country in late October to early November in their hunt for Thanksgiving staples. Notably, survey shopping took place in the weeks prior to when many grocery stores began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. Your meal will probably cost less by capitalizing on in-store deals and coupons.

"We should not take our food supply for granted," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Supporting sustainable productive agriculture in the U.S. and globally is imperative."

As many of us gather with family and friends for a special meal, it's a time for giving thanks for the American farmer and our food production system.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:42 a.m. Thursday to the 600 block of East Lincoln for an activated carbon monoxide detector in which the batteries had been changed. It was determined that the detector was at the end of its life. The resident was advised to buy and install a new one.

From the Blotter

Police were called at 8:59 p.m. Friday to the 300 block of West Elm for a person trespassing in a garage. Police arrested Jason Reyes, 34, of Milford, charging him with trespassing. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

On November 8, Iroquois County Sheriff's Police investigated a car vs. deer accident On County Rd. 2500 E, at approximately 1520 N. According to plice reports, a vehicle driven by Cierra L. McDivitt, 23, of Milford, was southbound on 2500 when a deer entered the road. The vehicle hit the deer, resulting in more than \$1,5000 in damage. No injuries were reported and no tickets issued.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade school menus

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, pears, milk

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle School menus

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY: Cook's choice

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area High School menus

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

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY: Cook's choice

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school

Weather

Sunny today. High 45. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 23. Tomorrow, sunny. High 49, low 28.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

First Christian Church has immediate opening for a secretary, Tuesday-Thursday 8 am-noon. Send a Resume to FCC, PO Box 115, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

Cade's Heating and Air seeks a HVAC service/ installer tech. IL DR license required and Freon license preferred. Must have mechanical ability. HVAC experience preferred. send resume to: ramcade@frontier.com:101 E Penn St. Hoopeston, Starting pay based on experience.

Fast Lanes is looking for a breakfast waitress. Apply in person. No phone calls.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Operators. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12655>

City of Hoopeston is seeking applications for full time position at the Water and Sewer Department. Applicants must have a HS diploma or equivalent, Class B CDL or ability to get one, a positive attitude with a strong work ethic, and a willingness to learn. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or online at cityofhoopeston.com/employment/.

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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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