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Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include new Ward 2 alderman, MFT sidewalk pay estimate, façade grant, tax levy, NAPA frontage road. Complete agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

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: **Mary Hartwell Catherwood Book Club**, 1:30 p.m. Monday. The selection is *Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce* by Stanley Weintraub.

Little's @ 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!

Kids STEAM Lab, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The library book sale is continuing through December. There are lots of good, clean copies of youth and adult books that would make great Christmas gifts. This sale is by donation.

Christmas Ornament adult craft, 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins will be welcome.

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

HMA activities

Activities at Hoopeston Multi Agency this week are:

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

Multi Agency Store holiday hours are December 7, December 13 and December 19 open until 6:30.

Senior Citizen Meal /Dance Saturday, Dec. 10. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., meal starts at 5 p.m. Hoopeston Rotary is sponsoring the meal. Dance is from 6-8 p.m. with music by the Dixie Flyers.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

WMD winners

November and December winners in the Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference community raffle are: \$50, Hoopeston Public Library and Geike Longfellow (donated back); \$30, Eastern Illinois Foodbank and Yvonne Layden; and \$20, Madge Silver and Kay Brown. For a chance to win, email the club at hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com or message the club on Facebook.

From the Blotter

Iesha Hoskins, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 10:01 p.m. Friday for a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of West Maple. Upon investigation, police said it was found that Hoskins went into a neighbor's house without permission.

On a complaint from a 41-year-old Hoopeston man, Hoskins was charged with trespassing and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Court Dispositions

October 12

Skylar T. Burke, Danville, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Lacey C. Sutton, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Brian K. Swinford, Danville, failed to appear at trial for nuisance structure; case continued to December 14.

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, celery sticks, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken patty, corn, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash brown, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, Max Stick, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

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

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy or calzone, scrambled eggs, hash brown, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib/bun, Max Stick salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice.

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Obituaries

GILLINS - Cheryl Ann Gillins, 76, of Wellington, passed away at 3:32 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at home. She was born December 25, 1945, in Danville, the daughter of Herman Murray and Ruth Elizabeth (King) Pugh. She married Gary Gillins in March 1968, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Beth (Steve) Totheroh of Milford, one son, Eric (Jordan) Reece of Friendsville, TN; one brother, Jerry (Cheryl) Pugh of Wellington; one sister-in-law, Jean Lockhart of Hoopeston; three grandchildren, Alissa (Joe) Warner, Lauren Totheroh, and Trey Totheroh; and four nieces and nephews, Scott (Cindy) Lockhart, Dawn (Skip) Crusinberry, Jered (Samantha) Pugh, and Jesse Pugh.

In addition to her husband, Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Merle Lockhart.

Cheryl worked for many years at the Wellington State Bank and Community Bank. She was the co-owner, with Gary, of Gillins Oil Co. and Hoopeston Monument. She was a member of Prairie Green Church of Christ and later became a member of the Milford Christian Church where she was very active volunteering, attending Bible study, playing the piano for church activities, and accompanying many singing groups. Cheryl was also a member of the Young at Heart Game Group, the Friday Night Supper Club, and enjoyed 19 years in Book Club. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting and always showed great hospitality to family and friends.

A visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Milford Christian Church, 811 E. Hickory St., Milford. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday Dec. 9, at the church with Pastors Brent Zastrow and Ed Highfill officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial contributions may be made in Cheryl's honor to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka, IL 60970 or the Milford Christian Church, 811 E. Hickory St., Milford, IL 60953.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view



CHERYL GILLINS

Cheryl's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

WAGONER - Jack Homer Wagoner, known to many as Pastor Jack, entered into the Lord's presence at the Honor House, Illiana Medical Center, Danville, on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Visitation will be held at Kruger Funeral Home, 10 E. Williams St., on Tuesday, December 6th from 4-7 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted by the family with Rev.

Ken Cameron officiating at 11 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Kruger Funeral Home. Following the service, Pastor Jack will be laid to rest in Atherton Cemetery, Danville.

Pastor Jack was born to Frank and Martha (Schroeder) Wagoner on November 6, 1922. He had just celebrated his 100th birthday. He was raised in Danville and attended Cannon Grade School and met the love of his life at Danville High School, where they were in study hall together. He married Wanda Marie Wakeland on November 29, 1941 at the Bible Gospel Center (now Danville Alliance Church) in Danville.

When the couple was first married, Jack earned his Sheet Metal Journeyman license and was working for the C&EI Railroad and because of his work, he was exempt from going to war. However, he quit his job and entered the Army. He is a World War II Veteran, having had oversight of Japanese prisoners in the Philippine Islands. He was a Staff Motor Pool Sergeant and was awarded several medals, including two Bronze Stars for valor. Jack hated war and was very humble about his service to our country, so much so, that much of his service he only recently shared with his family.

Upon returning to Danville, Jack and Wanda felt called into the ministry to leave Danville and enter St. Paul Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minn., where Jack held a full time job while earning his degree in Bible and Theology, studying to become a pastor. He graduated at the top of his class



WANDA and JACK WAGONER

and served as Class President. He was ordained under the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and pastored his first church in Cable, Wis. He then moved his family to become the pastor of the Alliance Church in Tyler, Minn. In 1961 Pastor Jack became the pastor of First Baptist Church in Hoopeston, having moved back to the Danville area to help care for aging parents. He and Wanda served the church in Hoopeston for more than 19 years. During those years the town had a population of 6-7,000 and Pastor Jack officiated at more than 500 funerals, meeting the needs of many families. While also ministering in Hoopeston he served as Civil Defense Director, Chaplain of the Hoopeston Police Department and as Chaplain for the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department.

After leaving that church, the Wagoners moved to Greeley, Colo., to start an Alliance Church with their son and his wife. He needed to also work, so he was employed at Flat Iron Paving Company. The Wagoners also served a year as managers and hosts for the Lawton, Okla., Servicemen's Center, where they shared their love of Christ and their love for veterans and young servicemen and their families.

After a few years, Pastor Jack and Wanda again returned to Danville where he became the pastor at Pleasant Grove Bible Chapel and was there for close to 18 years. He had been an interim pastor at various churches when the need arose as well. He had the distinct privilege of serving as Judge Skowronski's bailiff for several years at the Vermilion County Courthouse, a position which he took very seriously.

Pastor Jack loved to garden. He loved to work with his hands and was really a Jack of Trades, as he could do just about anything. One of his passions, when he was able, was to go hunting and fishing with his sons and their sons. Another passion he had was loving and serving the Lord and serving people. He was one of the most selfless men ever. He lived his life following his favorite Bible verse found in 2 Corinthians 12:9, the words of Jesus to the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in your weakness." He was a loving husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. The family will deeply miss his love, his knowledge and wisdom and his strong godly influence in their lives.

Jack was preceded in death by Wanda, his beloved wife of more than 74 years. Incidentally he passed away upon what would have been their 81st wedding anniversary. Also preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Martha Wagoner, his brothers: Russell, Ralph (Bud), Howard, and his sisters: Virginia (Sis) and June.

Survivors include their children: Wanetta (Rev. Dale) Groeneweg of Quito, Ecuador, Tom (Brenda) Wagoner of Tomahawk, Wis., Dawn, (Rev. Ken) Cameron of Danville, and Mark (Susan) Wagoner of Hoopeston; 17 grandchildren: Luke (Karla) Groeneweg, Loren (Janelle) Groeneweg, Jamie (Ben) Jones, Joshua Wagoner, Rev. James (Megan) Cameron, John (Kelly) Cameron, Matthew (Amy) Cameron, Daniel (Chelsea) Wagoner, Betsy (John) McLaughlin; 17 great-grandchildren: Autumn Wagoner, Micah, Caleb, Aleah, Silas Jack Cameron, Damon, Neil, Lee, Nathan Wagoner, Hannah, Benjamin, Lydia Cameron, Ava, Ethan Cameron, Max, Benjamin Issac Groeneweg, and Charlotte McLaughlin. Jack also leaves behind two special and deeply loved nieces, Lois Jane Ellmore and Cheryl Watts, both of Covington, Ind.

Jack's family wishes to express their deep gratitude to the Honor House VA staff for the excellent, professional and loving care given to Jack in the nearly six years he resided with them. Messages and memories may be left on our website at www.krugercowanpage.com. Memorials may be made in Pastor Jack's name to the Danville Alliance Church, 2509 North Bowman Avenue, Danville, Illinois 61834.

CARTER - Karren Zuelma Carter, 80, of Milford, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at home. Private graveside services were held at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, handled arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

HALL - Marilyn Jean Hamilton Ervin Hall, 79, of Danville, formerly of Rossville, died at 7:46 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 43. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 31. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain late. High 44, low 33.

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